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PLO will pay the salaries of employees

Arafat orders West Bank Palestinians to stay in jobs

CAIRO, Aug. 23, (Agencies): Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO ordered scores of West Bank Palestinian employees to continue working despite Jordan's decision to retire them, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported yesterday.

In a dispatch from the Tunisian capital of Tunis, the news agency said Arafat asked "more than 5,000" West Bank Palestinian employees to continue their jobs nearly three weeks after Jordan's King Hussein decided to cut administrative and legal links with the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

analysts and lists of their appointments to office," Arafat said. He was referring to the Jordanian government salary scale, used to pay many of the employees who worked in schools, hospitals, government offices and other institutions.

MENA said Arafat took "the sovereign decision" of ordering these employees to stay in their jobs during a two-day meeting of the PLO executive committee under his chairmanship in Tunis. The meeting ended on Sunday night.

"This is the first decision taken by Arafat following Jordan's decision on July 31 to break off administrative and legal links with the West Bank," the news agency said. "The decision means in reality that the PLO has begun shouldering its responsibilities with respect to the West Bank," the report said.

Analysts believe that Arafat is now very much in command and the man in charge following Hussein's decision to disengage from the West Bank, scene of nearly

nine months of Palestinian rebellion against occupation by Israeli forces.

Jordan's decision to retire these Palestinian workers was part of Amman's policy of gradually relinquishing its role in the West Bank after nearly 40 years.

While the Tunis meeting of the PLO executive committee debated the PLO's options, it failed to set a final date for an emergency session of the Palestinian National Council, or Parliament-in-exile, the news agency said.

Passports

"But there are very strong indications of a consensus over proclaiming the independent Palestinian state and formation of the provisional government," the news agency said.

The PLO leadership called earlier in the month for an emergency meeting of the PNC "within a month," when it met in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, to

debate the implications of Hussein's disengagement. The PNC emergency session may be postponed until October, the news agency said.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, meanwhile, said Jordan and the PLO were considering issuing joint Jordanian-Palestinian passports, "but did not elaborate."

The Labour Party leader also warned that a Palestinian state in the West Bank would encourage its "Lebanonisation," referring to the factionalism of Israel's northern neighbour.

The Palestinian underground in the occupied territories today called on the PLO to adopt a "comprehensive and clear" political programme.

The call, made in a leaflet, reflected growing frustration among local Palestinians with

factional feuding in the PLO over proposals to create a government-in-exile and declare an independent state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The division in PLO ranks is primarily over how to deal with the question of recognising Israel's right to exist," said Daoud Kuttab, a leading Palestinian journalist.

Recognising

"People are saying the ambiguity has to be cleared up," he said.

Supporters of Arafat's Fatah faction have called for a clear statement recognising the Jewish state in an effort to spur Palestinian-Israeli negotiations.

But this is meeting opposition from radicals, including George Habash's Popular Front faction, who oppose making concessions before peace talks.

The communiqué, the 24th since the uprising began on Dec 9



Perez de Cuellar UN chief optimistic

Gulf peace talks may continue for months

GENEVA, Aug. 23, (Reuters): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar begins ambitious negotiations this week aimed at ending two of the world's most intransigent confrontations, the Gulf war and the division of Cyprus.

The discussions aimed at formalising an end to the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq could be long and hard, but the UN chief was optimistic when he arrived in Geneva last night for the talks.

"I don't believe we can resolve all the problems in a matter of some months," he told an airport news conference.

"But one must not be pessimistic. I hope that if there is true political will to resolve the problem, we will be able to proceed with a rather fast and accelerated rhythm."

The Gulf war has caused one million casualties and the cost has run into hundreds of billions of dollars, Iran and Iraq finally

US cautions Moscow, New Delhi on Pakistan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23, (Agencies): The United States, the Soviet Union and India have conferred on the situation in South Asia following the death of Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq in a plane crash last week, the State Department has said.

Department spokesman Ben Justesen refused to disclose the contents of these discussions, except to say: "We've talked with the Soviets and India on the situation in South Asia in the aftermath of his (Zia's) death."

The Los Angeles Times quoted Michael Armacost, the Undersecretary of State for political affairs, as indicating the administration had cautioned Pakistan's two powerful neighbours against making any threat against Islamabad.

Vital

"We affirmed our vital interest in the security of Pakistan," Armacost was quoted as saying. "There's nothing secret about our interest in Pakistan. It was a time to reaffirm our interest."

Under Zia, Pakistan served as a conduit for US aid to Afghan rebels fighting the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul.

Killed with Zia in the plane crash in Pakistan last Wednesday were Arnold Raphael, the US Ambassador to Pakistan, Brig. Gen. Herbert Wassom, the US Defence Attaché in Pakistan, and 27 other people, including some senior Pakistani military officials.

The US has also told Moscow and New Delhi that American support for Pakistan's security remains strong, said a US official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"The point is we wanted to reassure them that our policy is unchanged, and that we are going to stand by Pakistan," he said.

The tone of the messages and conversations in Washington

and in Moscow with Soviet diplomats was more pointed than in dealing with India, said another US official who requested anonymity.

"With the Soviets it was more in terms of cautioning them about Afghanistan," said a third US official, who also spoke anonymously.

Decision

While the State Department has complimented caretaker President Ghulam Ishaq Khan about the steps he took after Zia's death, including a decision to go ahead with national elections in November, some officials are concerned about prolonged instability in Pakistan.

So far, US officials said, there is no indication the Soviets are slowing the pace of their troop withdrawal from Afghanistan or seizing on the death of Zia to raise tensions in the area.

"Their hostility to Pakistan has not ended," a US official said. "They haven't backed off. But there is no escalation. I think they understand very clearly our position."

India, which has gone to war three times with Pakistan since the founding of both countries, has strong military ties with the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, the Pakistani government has urged the nation to ignore rumours that martial law would be declared in the wake of the death of Zia.

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Saudis stop issuing visas to Filipinos

RIYADH, Aug. 23, (Reuters): A Philippines embassy source said today, Saudi Arabia had stopped issuing visas to Filipino workers.

"It has been confirmed that the Saudi government has stopped issuing work permits for Filipino workers," the source said.

The Jeddah-based Arab News newspaper today quoted an embassy source as saying the Saudi move seemed to be a reaction to Manila's restrictions on the employment of domestic help.

Manila banned overseas employment to Filipina maids from March 1 to prevent their abuse by foreign employers. The ban was later lifted for some countries.

Arab News said Manila had also recently tightened requirements for Saudis wanting tourist visas for the Philippines.

Nepal fears quake toll will rise

Aftershocks send people fleeing from their homes

KATHMANDU, Aug. 23, (UPI): Aftershocks sent people dashing into the streets today as rains and flooding hampered rescue workers in areas devastated by the powerful quake that has claimed at least 1,200 lives in Nepal and India.

Residents panicked and scurried into the streets early today after a tremor centred in Sindhuli, 60 miles (95 km) north-east of the Nepalese capital, shook Kathmandu, officials said. The quake registered five on the Richter scale.

Authorities in Nepal and India had said they feared aftershocks from Sunday's powerful quake could trigger landslides in the mountainous region along the Nepal-India border where the earthquake struck and increase the death toll.



Rajiv (right) and his wife Sonia visiting earthquake victims in the town of Darbhanga in Bihar state, India. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rains

The official national news agency of Nepal said the quake hindered rail service in southeast Nepal between Janakpur and Birgaon. It reported flooding in Sunsari, the hardest hit area and Dharan, the inscription centre for Gurkhas into the British Army.

Many villages were completely submerged under water, hindering relief efforts, the agency said.

Government officials feared the outbreak of epidemics in central and east Nepal that has been heightened by heavy rains but there were no immediate reports.

Several villages in east Nepal were levelled by Sunday's tremor and rescue efforts in Dhanuqua were hampered because the town's only hospital collapsed from the quake, newspaper reports said.

The Home Ministry in Nepal put the official number of dead at 497. India reported 450 dead in Bihar state and 50 were feared to have drowned from waves that capsized their boats in Bangladesh. But a senior official in Kathmandu working on relief efforts said the toll had reached 600 in Nepal, and some reports beneath the waves without using miles of expensive cable.

The company said it would install the world's first commercial seawater battery in a project connected with an oil field development off central Norway.

quake in 1934, the last major tremor to hit the region.

"The whole night was punctuated by shrieks of people who feared the effects of aftershocks and others shouting to invoke God," said one resident.

"Before I could realise what was happening there was a rumbling sound and the roof came down on top of me," said medical student Arun Gupta, who was sleeping in a hostel when the quake struck. Gupta, who was seriously injured, spoke from his hospital bed.

The Indian Red Cross said it sent three medical teams to Bihar state and will send up to seven more teams.

In Patna, the Army was reported to have ordered in five columns of troops and medical workers.

WEATHER

NORMAL summer weather with light north-westerly wind.

State of sea: slight

High water: 6:00 am, 5:00 pm

Low water: 3:00 am, 3:00 pm

Sunrise: 5:21 am

Sunset: 6:19 pm

Maximum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 47°C 117°F

Ahmedi: 41°C 106°F

Falaka: 41°C 106°F

Minimum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 25°C 77°F

Ahmedi: 32°C 90°F

Falaka: 32°C 90°F

Maximum temperature expected:

Kuwait: 43°C 112°F

Ahmedi: 40°C 104°F

Falaka: 40°C 104°F

Minimum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 15 per cent

Ahmedi: 40 per cent

Falaka: 30 per cent

Maximum humidity expected:

Kuwait: 30 per cent

Ahmedi: 40 per cent

Falaka: 40 per cent

Not staying awake for husbands

TOKYO, Aug. 23, (UPI): A 1979 hit song extolled the virtues of a Japanese wife who faithfully stays awake each night to greet her bar-hopping husband with a warm meal, but a survey of women reported today that only 11 per cent wait up to meet their husbands.

Singer Masashi Sada drew a picture of what many Japanese men view as the ideal Japanese wife in his song "The Husband's Declaration."

"Never sleep before I sleep, never wake up after I wake up," Sada sang. "Always make yourself as beautiful as you can." But a survey of 500 Japanese couples said 30 per cent of wives do not wait for their husbands, 27 per cent wait for a short time and 11.2 per cent always wait up for him.

Seawater battery

STAVANGER, Norway, Aug. 23, (Reuters): Norwegian state oil firm Statoil said today it had discovered a way to provide power beneath the waves without using miles of expensive cable.

The company said it would install the world's first commercial seawater battery in a project connected with an oil field development off central Norway.

Israeli beatings and use of tear gas

1,800 women suffer miscarriages

GENEVA, Aug. 23, (Reuters): The PLO said today 1,800 Palestinian women had suffered miscarriages due to beatings or use of tear gas by Israeli troops during the eight-month uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In a memorandum to a United Nations human rights panel, the PLO said since last December, 354 Palestinians had been killed in clashes with Israeli forces, and 12,500 injured, of whom 5,000 were handicapped for life.

Israeli authorities had demolished 550 Palestinian houses as a collective punishment measure, and held 23,000 people in administrative detention as well as deporting 28 Palestinian civilians, the PLO said.

Expelled

The memorandum was dated Aug. 8, prior to an announcement by Israel last week that it had expelled four more Palestinians from the territories, and proposed to deport a further 25.

The PLO memorandum

accused Israeli forces of using tear gas "and other sorts of toxic gas" indiscriminately against civilians. The gas had caused many deaths, and victims included children and babies, the document said.

"Since January 1988, the Israeli occupation forces have adopted one more cowardly policy against the Palestinian civilians. They have started to systematically attack pregnant women and beat them up, until many of them miscarry," it said.

"Within a few days since the beginning of this policy, tens of pregnant women have miscarried or given birth to stillborn babies as a result of savage beatings, or deliberate use of tear gas inside their homes..."

"So far, 1,800 such cases of miscarriages have been reported," the PLO said.

Submitted by Nabil Ramlawi, PLO permanent observer at the UN European office in Geneva.

US reduces number of Gulf sorties

SANTA BARBARA, California, Aug. 23, (AP): The United States is reducing the number of sorties to be flown over the Gulf but has made no decision to remove ships from the area, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said yesterday.

But Fitzwater said he had no comment when asked about a Soviet offer to withdraw its naval force from the Gulf if other countries do so.

"We have said in the past that as the threat diminishes in the Gulf so would our presence. We are taking some actions at this time to allow certain activities that have been suspended in the past, primarily things like port calls, number of sorties flown off the carriers, a few of those kinds of things are being changed to reflect a more relaxed atmosphere following the ceasefire," Fitzwater said.

The Pentagon disclosed that the US escort operation of registered Kuwaiti tankers is continuing as scheduled without interruption and successfully.

Situation normal, say UN observers

Gulf foes complain of troop movements

BAGHDAD, Aug. 23, (Agencies): A UN spokesman said the Iraq-Iran war front was calm today, despite claims by both sides of troop movements violating their ceasefire.

Iraq said today the Iranians, acting after the ceasefire took effect on Saturday, reinforced their positions across the front from the Iraqi 4th Army Corps near the southern town of Misan.

The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the Iraqis had protested to UN military observers supervising the ceasefire and the Iranian forces were now withdrawing.

"I don't have any comment on this subject so far," Saleem Fahmawi, press officer in Baghdad for the UN team, said. He added: "I believe the situation is normal today."

Positions

He declined to comment on statements by both sides saying Iraq had threatened to attack unless the Iranians pulled back by 12:30 pm (0830 GMT) today.

INA had said Iraq told the UN military observers: "If the Iranian troops are not withdrawn to their original positions, our forces will push them back by force."

INA said the UN observers intervened and asked the Iranian side to withdraw, and Iranian troops actually began a withdrawal late yesterday.

An Iranian military spokesman said he had no comment on an Iranian statement saying Iraqi forces had advanced towards Iranian positions in the area.

The Iranian news agency IRNA, said Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati sent a complaint to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar saying Iraq intended to launch an attack.

His message said an Iraqi armoured brigade had advanced between one and four km (half-a-mile and 2-1/2 miles) towards Iranian positions west of the Do-Viraj river.

IRNA reported that the commander of the UN military observers in Iran had told his colleagues in Baghdad that Iranian forces had not advanced towards Iraqi territory.

It quoted a senior Iranian commander as saying the Iraqi troop movements were "normal."

Kuwait-Goa flight commercially not viable

Air India to fly to Tehran from October

By Jadranka Porter

AIR India will reintroduce flights to Tehran at the end of October, according to the airline's Middle East Regional Director S. Ranga Rao.

Ranga Rao arrived in Kuwait after a visit to Tehran.

The travel market in Tehran looks promising, he said. "The airline is also considering resuming flights to Baghdad."

He also said that Air India's direct flights from Kuwait to Goa had to be suspended because they were not commercially viable.

"We have to be assured of the load factor, and that means 80 per cent seat occupancy throughout the year and not only at peak periods," he said.



Ranga Rao

Air India, which halted flights to Tehran in 1981, maintained an office in the city throughout the war.

Among the deciding factors in

the airline's plan to resume flights to Tehran was the granting of permission to repatriate foreign exchange to India.

Ranga Rao said that there is a substantial Indian community in Iran which goes back three generations. "They are still there," he added.

The airline has traffic rights to operate two flights a week and will probably use Airbus aircraft to run the Bombay-Delhi-Tehran service from the beginning of its winter schedule in late October, said Ranga Rao.

Iran Air continued service to Bombay throughout the war, usually operating two fully loaded Boeing 747's a week. "I understand that Iran Air flights to Bombay have been so crowded

INTERNATIONAL

IRA kills
Royal Navy
officer

BELFAST, Aug 23, (AP): Maintaining the increased tempo of its attacks this summer, the IRA killed a Royal Navy recruiting officer in Belfast, police reported.

A bomb planted in his car exploded yesterday as he drove into East Belfast after crossing Queen's Bridge over the river Lagan toward the end of the rush hour. The blast turned the wreckage of the vehicle into a fireball.

The attack followed an IRA bombing at the weekend that killed eight British soldiers in a military bus and injured 27 others.

Police today identified the recruiting officer as Lieut. Alan Shields, 45, whose wife and son live in Scotland.

Crispin Rodwell, a news photographer driving close behind the car, said: "It just exploded and was immediately engulfed in flames. Several people ran forward with fire extinguishers but the flames were very intense."

Explosion

The explosion occurred near the Roman Catholic short strand area, a stronghold of IRA support.

The outlawed IRA claimed responsibility in a telephoned message to a local radio station.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher ordered a major security review following the IRA bomb attack in the early hours of Saturday that killed eight soldiers and injured another 27.

The soldiers had been on an unmarked military bus returning to their barracks at Omagh 50 miles (80 km) west of Belfast following leave on the British mainland when the bomb hidden in a car parked on the roadside exploded.

Israeli Navy
to have
anti-missile
missile

HAIFA, Israel, Aug 23, (Reuters): The Israeli Navy announced today it was testing an interceptor weapon system capable of destroying enemy missiles, ships or aircraft at ranges up to 12 kilometres (eight miles).

The system, said by defence experts to use radar tracking technology and high-speed computers similar to those being developed in the US "Star Wars" space weapons programme, will be deployed in the early 1990s.

Rear Admiral Abraham Ben-Shoshan told reporters at his Haifa headquarters.

The Barak (lightning) anti-missile missile will carry a 22 kilo (48 pound) TNT warhead, Ben-Shoshan said. His statement was the first indication of when the Israeli system would be operational.

The demand for defences against anti-ship missiles grew sharply around the world after the 1982 Falklands conflict between Britain and Argentina.

The Argentine Air Force destroyed several British ships with French-made sea-skimming Exocet missiles.

With US aid, Israel is also developing the land-based Arrow missile to intercept medium-range missiles aimed at Israeli cities and strategic targets.

Ben-Shoshan also said the Navy intercepted 40 vessels suspected of hostile intent off Israel's shores and further afield in the past year. Most were innocent, he said.

Worst labour unrest since Solidarity was suppressed

Poland refuses to negotiate with Walesa

WARSAW, Aug 23, (Reuters): Poland's communist government accused Solidarity supporters today of holding it at "strike gunpoint" as more workers downed tools in the country's worst labour unrest since the union was suppressed in 1981.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban told a news conference the authorities would not negotiate with Solidarity leader Lech Walesa to end the strike wave.

Urban said there can be no political talks at strike gunpoint. Urban said the government would not negotiate with Solidarity leaders but would meet with them to discuss the state of the economy in the face of strikes by workers demanding official recognition of Solidarity and more pay.

Measures Interior Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak announced today that he had empowered local authorities in three strike-bound regions to impose curfews. He also authorised summary arrests and an increased militia presence at striking enterprises.

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where four collieries are not working, by ordering a night curfew. The official news agency PAP said it would last from 11 pm to 5 am (2100 GMT to 0300 GMT) and would continue until further notice.

Riot police stormed three transport depots in the north-western part of Szczecin and dragged away strikers occupying them last night.

The government said a special parliamentary commission would meet on Aug 31 to review the state of the economy in the face of strikes by workers demanding official recognition of Solidarity and more pay.

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Kiszczak said only 5,000 miners were on strike but the stoppages had idled 65,000 pitmen. Western diplomats say the disputes are the most serious challenge to the communist authorities since the unrest in 1980 which gave rise to Solidarity.

The movement was suppressed under martial law in December 1981. Martial law was lifted in July 1983.

Urban said authorities in the two other regions, Gdansk and Szczecin, had not yet decided if they would impose curfews.

Detained He said 59 people had been detained in recent days as a preventive measure, but gave no further details. Solidarity and opposition sources say police have rounded up some union activists.

Urban said an extraordinary Sejm (Parliament) economic commission would meet to discuss government efforts to curb soaring inflation.

He accepted the government was partly to blame for hardships in Poland but denied any responsibility for the strikes.

The Gdansk ship repair yard is

the second biggest yard in the city after the Lenin shipyard, the cradle of Solidarity, which several hundred workers occupied yesterday. Walesa was inside the shipyard, which was cordoned off by police.

PAP said workers had downed tools overnight at the Lenin colliery in the southern town of Myslowice. It was the 12th mine to go on strike, according to PAP.

The agency said transport workers had ended a strike at a railway repair yard in the south-western town of Wroclaw.

Strike leaders say about 2,000 port workers are still on strike in Szczecin, about 400 km (250 miles) northwest of Warsaw. Urban said a small number of workers had caused disruptions at the Stalowa Wola steel mill south of Warsaw but added that other attempts to start strikes had failed.

PAP said a strike at the Cegielski ship-engine plant in the western city of Poznan had broken up this morning.

In Gdansk, strike leaders said they had appealed to the International Red Cross to send blankets and food to strikers.

Dates set
for naming
Nobel Prize
winners

STOCKHOLM, Aug 23, (AP): The Nobel Foundation said today that its 1988 peace prize winner will be announced Sept 29.

President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev reportedly are among the top contenders for the richest Nobel award ever.

The prize for medicine will be announced Oct 17, for economy on Oct 18 and the prizes for physics and chemistry on Oct 19, the Nobel Foundation said.

By tradition, the date for announcing the literature prize laureate is kept secret until one week before the announcement.

Each Nobel laureate will receive about \$385,000—about 15 per cent more than last year.

The peace prize announcement will be made in Oslo, Norway, by the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament. The others will be announced in Stockholm by the Swedish Academy of Sciences, the Karolinska Institute of Medicine, and by the prestigious 18-member literary committee known as the Swedish Academy.

The prizes will be distributed Dec 10 in Oslo and Stockholm.

Top names The Norwegian press has reported that Reagan and Gorbachev were nominated for signing a treaty to dismantle their medium- and shorter-range nuclear missiles.

The Nobel Committee refuses to confirm the names of the candidates, whose nominations had to be submitted before Feb 1.

A Norwegian member of parliament has said he nominated President Corazon Aquino of the Philippines.

Other possible nominations include Pope John Paul II, jailed South African black leader Nelson Mandela, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Moroccan leader Hassan II.

Costa Rican President Oscar Arias won the 1987 peace prize for drafting a plan to end the fighting in Central America.

Cyprus unification

Vassiliou aims for
peace next year

GENEVA, Aug 23, (Reuters): Cyprus President George Vassiliou said his aim was "peace next year" as he met United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar today to discuss reviving talks on unifying the Mediterranean island.

Perez de Cuellar held 40-minute talks with the Greek-Cypriot leader before a scheduled meeting with Rauf Denktaş, head of the breakaway Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Vassiliou, asked by reporters whether by thought peace could be achieved within a year, as targeted by the UN, replied: "This is what I hope to achieve—peace next year."

Perez de Cuellar will host a lunch for the two leaders in Geneva on Wednesday, the start of talks aimed at resuming stalled negotiations on forming a unified federal republic. The meeting here may carry over to Thursday.

The UN chief said on arrival late on Monday that he hoped a "climate of co-operation, of dialogue" would emerge.

He is to announce the date for

formal UN-mediated talks to be held on the island in early September.

Cyprus was divided in 1974 when Turkey seized the northern third of the island after a coup by Athens-backed officers. Only Ankara recognises the northern Cypriot government, which declared its independence in 1983.

Both Vassiliou and Denktaş have called for establishing a bizonal federal republic but remain divided over issues including the withdrawal of Turkey's 29,000 troops on the island, as well as freedom of movement between the two areas.

"At the luncheon we are not going to find a solution to the Cyprus problem," Vassiliou said. "What we hope to achieve, in addition to setting the date (for talks in Cyprus next month), is to achieve a good climate..."

The meeting is the first between the leaders of the divided island since 1985, when talks between Denktaş and Vassiliou's predecessor Spyros Kyprianou collapsed.

Muslim leaders
threaten to
prevent polls

BEIRUT, Aug 23, (Reuters): Pro-Syrian Muslim leaders in Lebanon said today they would prevent the election of a new President unless Christian groups agreed to political reforms.

"We shall take all political and practical measures to prevent the election from taking place before reconciliation is achieved," said a statement issued by the party chiefs.

The leaders had met to plan strategy after a Parliament session called to elect a successor to President Amin Gemayel last Thursday failed to reach a quorum.

Many of the 41 Christian deputies in the 76-member house stayed away after Christian hardliners called for a boycott to foil the election of Syrian-backed front-runner Suleiman Franjeh.

The pro-Syrian leaders wield considerable influence among Muslim deputies and political sources said they had represented a tough line by Damascus after last week's debacle.

Many Lebanese fear failure to quickly elect a new President who can reconcile the country's feuding factions will lead to a new upsurge in the 13-year-old civil war.



A military honour guard prepares to lower the casket of Raphael into the grave at Arlington national cemetery. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mandela
recovering
quickly

CAPE TOWN, Aug 23, (Reuters): Black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela is recovering from tuberculosis faster than expected, a South African doctor said today.

Doctor J.G. Strauss, superintendent of Cape Town's Tygerberg Hospital, said Mandela's health was improving all the time. He was sitting up in bed, reading newspapers and listening to the radio.

Mandela, jailed for life in 1964 for plotting to overthrow white rule, was transferred to hospital from Cape Town's high security Pollsmoor prison on Aug 12 for treatment of fluid on the lung.

Strauss said Mandela was recovering faster than expected but he did not know when he would be discharged.

The illness has fuelled worldwide calls for the release of the 70-year-old leader of the outlawed African National Congress guerrilla movement, which is fighting to end white domination.

Killed US ambassador
buried in Washington

WASHINGTON, Aug 23, (UPI): Arnold Raphael, the US ambassador to Pakistan who was killed last week in the plane crash that also took the life of President Zia-ul-Haq, was buried on Monday in Arlington national cemetery.

Raphael, 45, a career foreign service officer since 1967, was remembered earlier by more than 1,000 mourners at the Ft. Myers Chapel, near the cemetery across the Potomac River in Arlington, VA.

Speakers at the memorial service included former Secretary of State Edmund Muskie and Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead. His family had requested no press coverage of the ceremony.

Raphael, who had been US envoy to Pakistan for little over a year, was one of the chief architects of the deal that finally gained the release of 52 American hostages in Iran in 1981.

He was also head of the task force that negotiated the release of 104 Americans aboard hijacked TWA flight 847 in June 1985.

His last major assignment at the State Department was overseeing the military supply operation to Afghan guerrillas. He was also the principal author of the State Department's "Operation Staunch," the international campaign to cut off arms supplies to Iran in the war with Iraq.

Brig. Gen. Herbert Wassom, the senior Defence Department official in Pakistan, who was also killed in the plane crash, was to be interred at Arlington.

The bodies of Raphael and Wassom arrived in the United States on Sunday at nearby Andrews Air Force Base, where Secretary of State George Shultz praised the American's work towards peace and freedom.

Shultz, who attended the weekend funeral of Zia, and Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci led a solemn service on the tarmac at the air base on Sunday.

Shultz accompanied the bodies from Pakistan. As a band played "America the Beautiful," the flag-draped coffins were taken from the Secretary of State's plane.



A 16-month-old Burundian child, bayoneted by government troops, is taken to hospital in Rwanda. (Reuters wirephoto)

Burundi soldiers
massacre families

KIGALI, Rwanda, Aug 23, (Reuters): Terrified refugees fleeing a bloodbath in Burundi say the army joined in tribal killings, using helicopters, armoured vehicles, machineguns and bayonets to slaughter men, women and children.

Tribal massacres have raged for more than a week in northern Burundi between the minority Tutsi tribe, who control politics and the army, and their ancient rivals, the Hutu, who form 85 per cent of the population.

The military government in Bujumbura told Western diplomats that about 5,000 had been killed but calm had been restored. The diplomats said Burundi's northern districts were still sealed off by troops.

Blame Rwandan Foreign Minister Francois Ngarukiyintwali said on Monday that 38,000 refugees had crossed the border since August 14 and more were still arriving.

Ngarukiyintwali said the refugees would not be allowed to stay permanently in Rwanda and diplomats said he had asked the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to persuade them to return home.

voluntarily. But the diplomats said they doubted the mainly Hutu refugees would be willing to leave for some time.

Burundi's Foreign Minister Cyprien Mbonimpa told diplomats in Bujumbura the massacres were provoked by Burundian exiles who had slipped into the country intent on overthrowing the government of President Pierre Buyoya.

The Tutsi, a cattle-herding people, have subdued Hutu farmers since pre-colonial times. Rwanda has a similar tribal make-up but the Rwandan Hutu overthrew Tutsi domination at the end of Belgium's colonial rule.

In 1972 the Tutsi responded to a Hutu challenge with mass slaughter and foreign experts estimated at least 100,000 were killed.

Code Cisse, UNHCR representative in Rwanda who toured the border area at the weekend, told Reuters that more than half the refugees were children aged under ten and said: "We cannot talk about civil war because only one side is armed. It has become a massacre by the Burundi Army."

US candidates differ
on Third World

LONDON, Aug 23, (Reuters): The foreign policies of the two candidates in the US presidential elections differ more sharply on Third World issues than they do on East-West relations, say officials and experts from around the world.

A Reuters survey found that, broadly speaking, governments in Latin America and Africa think Democrat Michael Dukakis would be the better President for them, while West Europe and East Asia prefer Republican George Bush, but could live with Dukakis.

In the Middle East, little difference is seen though both Arabs and Israelis seem marginally to favour Bush. Soviet commentators have come out for Dukakis.

Most analysts expressed their views in shades of grey, for few saw dramatic changes in US foreign policy whoever won the Nov 8 poll.

"Clearly there are differences between the two candidates," said Dominique Moisi of the French Institute of International Relations. "But they seem to be more pronounced on North-

South or Third World issues than on East-West matters."

Debt-ridden Latin American countries are among the most ardent supporters of Dukakis, who not only speaks Spanish but has promised a sympathetic hearing on debt relief.

Guests "We would feel like guests to a banquet under a Dukakis administration," said Francisco Jose Del Solar, a Foreign Ministry aide in Peru, which has a \$15-billion debt.

"We are sure that a Dukakis administration will understand more the problems we face as a region and as a country."

The Democratic contender's promises to impose full sanctions on South Africa and declare it a terrorist state have also won him friends in Black Africa and alarmed white South Africans.

Some African officials expect a less sympathetic attitude to Pretoria, whoever succeeds Ronald Reagan in the White House. "Whether it is Dukakis or Bush, they will be more realistic than Reagan," said Angola's Ambassador to Zambia, Luis Neto Kiambata.

1,800 women suffer

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the memorandum was circulated as an official document at a session of the UN sub-commission on prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities.

Jailed In a related development, a deported Palestinian, Jebriil Mohamad Al Rajoub, told a PLO news conference today, that since 1967, Israeli authorities had jailed or detained between 350,000 and 400,000 Palestinians and hundreds had died because of torture or bad conditions.

Al Rajoub was one of eight deported Palestinians who gave evidence yesterday and today to another UN committee here investigating Israeli practices in occupied Arab territories.

Palestinians in Jabalya refugee camp said Khalil Yussuf Balousha, 42, died after inhaling tear gas during mass protests lasting

late into the night yesterday.

Palestinians said troops shot flares to light up the camp, burned three homes and dropped from helicopters what they described as a "mass of fire" emitting tear gas.

Death

An Army spokesman said a 42-year-old man was hurt by tear gas, but could not confirm the death. He added: "It is true helicopters patrol the area and sometimes drop tear gas, but nothing appears to us as having sprayed anything flammable."

In the Sha'ti refugee camp, which with Jabalya and three other areas was placed under curfew, fresh demonstrations broke out as curfew-breakers threw stones at Israeli patrols.

Troops shot an 18-year-old demonstrator, officials at Ahi Hospital in Gaza said. The Army was checking the report.

Gulf foes
complain
of troop
movements

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"blatant violation" of the ceasefire.

IRNA said Iraq's 4th Army Corps commander had told UN observers on the Iraqi side of the border that the Iranians would be attacked unless they withdrew to the east bank of the river.

The 350 unarmed UN observers monitoring the 1,200-km (740-mile) front have orders to report any violations of the ceasefire but not to intervene.

An observer on the central front, Norwegian Captain Arne Ophus, told reporters on Sunday that, if fighting did resume, the observers would be able to do nothing except withdraw.

The United Nations has not yet confirmed any violations of the ceasefire, though Iraq and Iran have made several charges against each other.

Baghdad Radio said former Iraqi President Abdul Rahman Mohammad Arif, who was deposed by the Ba'ath party 20 years ago, had congratulated Hussein on Iraqi victories in the war.

Helpless

"Centuries passed while the Arabs had been helpless but today the Iraqis, with your command, achieved the first victory against those who harboured ambitions on our land," it quoted Arif as saying.

Meanwhile Iran's main opposition group admitted that the Iran-Iraq ceasefire poses problems for continuing its fight against Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic government, but vows to fight on.

"Under no circumstances will we halt our struggle against our government," said Ali-Reza Jafarzadeh, spokesman for the Iraq-based National Liberation Army of Iran. "We will fight until its downfall."

But the Aug 20 ceasefire will be a significant test for the ability of the rebels, led by Massoud Rajavi, to maintain their challenge to the fundamentalist Islamic government in Tehran after escalating their campaign from hit-and-run guerrilla raids to full-scale military offensives.

Gulf peace
talks may
continue
for months

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agreed this month to direct talks after the ceasefire that was set in place on Saturday.

The UN chief is hoping to ride the momentum of a new international climate to forge settlements on world troublespots. UN mediated accords in April for a Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan followed a superpower arms reduction treaty. A ceasefire was agreed in Angola, and the Gulf truce coincided with a new willingness for talks by Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

The Gulf talks, most likely at the foreign minister level, were due to follow on Thursday afternoon.

Intends

Perez de Cuellar said he would stay as long as he could but would have to return to New York for next month's opening of the UN General Assembly. He intends to appoint a deputy if necessary to watch over the negotiations.

Topics likely to lead to disputes in the Iran-Iraq negotiations include the definition of their mutual border, an exchange of prisoners-of-war, a commission of inquiry into who started hostilities, and possibly war reparations which Tehran has said Baghdad should pay.

Arms dump blast

MOSCOW, Aug 23, (Reuters): A Soviet spokesman today denied that any casualties had occurred in the explosion of an Afghan ammunition dump earlier this month, and said an Afghan Army base reported captured by Muslim rebels did not exist.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov confirmed at a news conference that an explosion occurred at an ammunition distribution point at Kilagay, north of Kabul, on Aug 11.

Arafat orders

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said the united national leadership of the uprising "is certain that the Palestinian National Council will adopt a comprehensive and clear political programme which will gain widespread international support for the national rights of our people."

The leaders, who reportedly represent all the major Palestinian factions, were clearly prodding the PLO to take a decision although the leaflet stressed they were not trying to take over the leadership role from the PLO.

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Big crowds, including Buddhist monks, gather at Rangoon General Hospital to press their demand for a democratic government in Burma. (Reuter wirephoto)

Pakistan blamed for violating Geneva accord

Soviets halt Afghan pullout

NEW DELHI, Aug 23. (UPI): Soviet military officials in Kabul have decided to halt troops withdrawal from Afghanistan until the onset of winter and blame the delay on violation of the Geneva accord by Pakistan, a Western diplomat said today.

He and another diplomat also said the Muslim rebels maintained pressure on the Afghan government by firing more than 50 rockets into the Capital city in one week.

"The Russians have decided to halt their withdrawal for the time being," said one diplomat quoting Soviet sources in Kabul.

He said diplomats in Kabul believe that the Soviets may seek to gain a propaganda advantage by blaming Pakistan for alleged violation of UN-mandated Geneva accord of April 14 under which Moscow began a nine-month withdrawal on May 15.

The Soviets were to withdraw half of its 115,000 troops by Aug 15, and totally by Feb 15 next year.

Moscow says it has met the Aug 15 deadline by pulling back half its troops from the landlocked nation it invaded in December 1979 to bolster a communist government plagued by internal divisions and a rebellion.

Pause
"We suspect this is a planned pause and that no further major movements will occur until the onset of winter," said the diplomat.

Moscow accuses Islamabad of continued interference in the affairs of Afghanistan and its support for Muslim rebels, saying it offers sanctuary and weapons in violation of the Geneva accord.

Moscow contends violations by Pakistan may slow the pullout.

Both diplomats said Muslim rebels fired more than 50 rockets into the capital between Aug 15 and 22.

One diplomat said 25 people, including 13 members of single family, were killed in southern

parts of the city and 2,000 houses destroyed in the northern Shahr-e-Nau area of Kabul in rocket attacks on Aug 14.

Rockets
Two days later, the rebels again fired at least 25 rockets into the capital, he said.

Another diplomat said casualties and damage were not known because most of the rockets hit military areas.

"A large proportion of the rockets appears to have hit military targets in and around the airport," the diplomat said.

The diplomats said Afghan government troops have retaken the northern Kunduz town that was captured by Muslim rebels after a Soviet garrison withdrew from the town on Aug 10.

Afghan secret police "Khad" slugged it out with the mujahideen and suffered heavy casualties, said one diplomat, adding that the airport commander of Kunduz was promoted for his successful defence of the facility.

Protests shake Burmese rulers

RANGOON, Aug 23. (Reuter): More than half a million people marched peacefully through cities across Burma today demanding an end to the 26-year-old socialist government.

Troops deployed under martial law were pulled back in Rangoon where at least 100,000 people took control of the streets declaring they would accept "nothing but democracy."

"This is the answer to the government's call for public opinion," said a banner strung across a central Rangoon street as the crowds swept through under flags and banners urging "democracy."

Maung Maung, Burma's third socialist leader in five weeks after six months of political turmoil, has set up a commission to examine public opinion.

Collapse

A Western ambassador in Rangoon said the size of the uprising "must be threatening the government seriously."

Well over 250,000 paraded through Mandalay, in the north, where one diplomat said every household was sending two people to take part, and a further 200,000 in Yaw, in the south.

Diplomats said that in both those cities and others there were reports of the civil administration collapsing, with Buddhist monks taking over abandoned council offices.

By early evening, the crowds in

Rangoon began dispersing peacefully, strictly controlled by stewards who ordered no taunting of the few soldiers left behind barbed wire barricades at key government buildings.

A curfew was in force. The marchers, laughing, cheering and raising their fists as they chanted and sang the national anthem, showed no sense of fear of a repeat of the events two weeks ago when troops fired into the crowds and many were killed.

The "People Power" movement, now embracing students, monks, doctors and lawyers, actors, singers and film stars as well as workers, is united in two fundamental demands.

They are an end to 26 years of single-party rule under the Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP), which has repressed opposition and ruined a once-prosperous economy, and release of political prisoners.

Mood

Veteran BSPP leader Ne Win stepped down on July 23 after mass protests in March and June and his successor, the widely-hated Sein Lwin, was driven from office after 18 days.

The demonstrations were good humoured, with soldiers sometimes chatting with demonstrators. At one point, two soldiers, sitting back-to-back on the pavement with their guns laid down, were handed food.

The few foreign tourists still in Rangoon were warmly

applauded on the streets.

Many posters, cartoons and leaflets festooning Rangoon General Hospital had been removed by security forces last night but were back by today. The hospital has been a rallying point for demonstrators.

One poster showed Maung Maung asking: "Can I fly from this country?"

State-run media invited people to give their opinion in person or by mail to a government panel which opened an office in the capital today, but one diplomat said "people regard the new commission as a meaningless gesture."

The diplomats said they had heard no reports of deaths or injuries in the renewed demonstrations that began yesterday.

The government today said Health Minister Tun Wai resigned because of an incident at Rangoon general hospital, where armed troops shot and wounded several nurses at the height of a gory week of protest in early August.

Diplomats said medical aid donations were being held up because the authorities apparently did not want to admit that casualties had exceeded the officially announced figures of 112 dead and 267 wounded.

As many as 3,000 could have been killed, and many of the wounded are dying because their wounds have turned gangrenous, they said.

Koreans will try to end deadlock on Olympic talks

SEOUL, Aug 23. (AP): The heads of South and North Korean negotiating teams will hold another meeting tomorrow to try to break deadlock in talks over the Olympic Games and a non-aggression pact, officials said today.

Chief South Korean delegate Park Joon-Kyu will meet his communist counterpart, Chon Kum Chol, at the Panmunjom truce site that straddles the demilitarized zone separating the two Koreas, a spokesman for Park said.

The meeting was to be private, the spokesman said. No press was to be allowed.

North and South Korean officials have met three times since Friday in an unsuccessful attempt to agree on an agenda for joint parliamentary talks.

North Korea is demanding to co-host the Olympics, which begin in Seoul Sept 17. It also wants the two sides to agree on terms for a joint non-aggression pact.

Co-hosting

The North has said it will boycott the games unless it is allowed to co-host the event. South Korea fears the North may resort to terrorist attacks to disrupt the Olympics if its demand is not met.

The South, which has said co-hosting is impossible, wants North Korea to agree to urgent talks to try and resolve the Olympics issue, leaving other subjects

until after the Games. Seoul says it wants its communist rival to take part in the Seoul Games.

The suggestion for a private meeting between the chief delegates was made yesterday by Park after a third round of talks ended in deadlock between the five-member delegations of lawmakers from each side.

This morning, South Korea's National Assembly said the North called and asked for a chief delegate's meeting at the border, giving the South's team just 34 minutes to get there.

The meeting could not be held because Panmunjom is more than an hour's drive from Seoul. The two sides agreed to meet tomorrow.

North Korea wants full-scale talks involving the full parliaments of both sides plus representatives of various social and class groups. It also wants the Olympics and a non-aggression pact to be the main items for discussion.

Recognition

Both sides claim to be the sole legitimate government of Korea and the South sees its selection to host the Olympics as international recognition of its claim.

Previous, sporadic talks between the two sides since the early 1970s failed to make progress. The last talks collapsed in January, 1986 when North Korea pulled out to protest annual South Korean-US military exercises.

China invites Assad to visit Beijing

BEIJING, Aug 23. (Reuters): Chinese President Yang Shangkun today invited Syrian President Hafez Al Assad to Beijing for the first visit by a Syrian leader, the official New China News Agency reported.

Yang met Abdul Kader Kaddoura, president of the Syrian People's Assembly, at the Great Hall of the People and asked him to pass the invitation to Assad, who is believed to have turned down two previous invitations on grounds of ill-health.

Yang described China and Syria as "friendly countries," the agency reported. Kaddoura's is the latest in a series of contacts between Beijing and Damascus, described by Arab diplomats as part of Syria's effort to reduce its diplomatic isolation.

China in June denied press reports that it was preparing to sell advanced medium-range M-9 missiles to Syria.

Chinese officials confirmed earlier this year that Beijing had sold missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads to Saudi Arabia but said they had taken measures to stop the supply of Chinese Silkorm missiles to Iran.

Japan to maintain defence buildup

TOKYO, Aug 23. (AP): In the face of a continuing Soviet military buildup in the Far East, Japan will continue a five-year defence expansion programme, the Defence Agency said today.

The decision is likely to keep Japan's military spending above one percent of its Gross National Product, a 1976 defence spending ceiling abandoned last year by the government.

The budget for defence-related expenses for the current fiscal year is 3.7 trillion yen (\$28 billion), an estimated 1.013 per cent of Japan's GNP.

Defence spending is a sensitive issue in Japan, where anti-military sentiment has been strong since the militarism of World War II. The constitution renounces war.

Other Asian nations such as South Korea, China, and Indonesia have objected to Japan's increased military spending, accusing Japan of trying to once again become a military power.

In an annual defence report, the government said "The Soviet Union has adopted a military buildup as one of its top priorities, and, as a result, has increased its strength enough to confront the US in the spheres of

both nuclear and conventional warfare."

The report said that although Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has emphasised peaceful intentions "there is no chance in the trend of continuous military build up of the Soviet Union as seen in the realities of deployment of SS-24 ICBM (Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles), commissioning of a fourth Kiev-class aircraft carrier and deployment of a fourth generation of fighter aircraft."

It said that in the Far East, the Soviet Union has begun to build up its forces rapidly with Sino-Soviet confrontation as the catalyst, and has deployed "enormous forces" along the Soviet-China border.

The report said that although the United States, backed by its military and economic strength, continues to play a major role in international politics, "no one can deny that its position has recently been declining comparatively in the economic field."

"Under these circumstances, Japan will be increasingly expected to play a role commensurate with its position as the second-largest economic power among free world nations next to the United States," it said.

Foreign media accused of spreading rumours

Sudan clamps censorship

KHARTOUM, Aug 23. (Reuters): Sudan has imposed censorship on foreign journalists after criticism abroad of government handling of flood relief aid.

Information Minister Abdullah Mohammed Ahmed announced last night that all reports, photographs and video tapes must be submitted to Ministry of Information officials for approval before being despatched overseas.

He accused foreign newspaper and agency journalists of reporting "rumours and wrong information on foreign relief and its distribution" to victims of floods that have killed 73 people and made two million homeless.

"Things have gone as far as inciting racial and religious strife

among the people of one nation," Ahmed said.

He said the reports had sown suspicion and undermined public confidence in departments distributing the relief.

Under new media controls reporters, photographers and television crews will be barred from moving around Khartoum unless accompanied by Information Ministry officials.

Approval

It will be an offence to send overseas any report, photograph or video film which has not been approved by the ministry.

Hotels were ordered not to allow the scores of visiting foreign journalists to transmit news items by telex unless the stories were stamped approved

by the Ministry of Information.

Ahmed said the Interior Ministry would help his department enforce the restrictions.

The restrictions were imposed shortly after Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi made a blistering attack on foreign media coverage of the flood disaster.

The government has decreed new regulations to clamp down on black market dealers who have sent prices soaring in the aftermath of the worst floods in their country's history.

Maj. Gen. Mohammed El Fatch Abdoun, mayor of Khartoum, was quoted last night by the official Omdurman Radio as saying that all food wholesalers and retailers were required to report the extent of their stock to the authorities within 48 hours.

He said merchants dealing in building supplies like cement, wood, zinc and all kinds of iron should also provide a similar inventory within a week. He said offenders would be tried.

"Worse than the natural disasters are the moral disasters which have prompted some citizens to exploit the bad situation as a means for unlawful riches," Abdoun said.

Sudan faces the threat of the annual flood of the Nile River which already has started overflowing in central Sudan.



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Construction of roads, flyovers

A RESPONSIBLE source at the Ministry of Public Works has said that construction of main roads, motorways and flyovers in various areas of the country has cost about KD155.4 million.

Road building projects completed last year cost about KD84.2 million, he said.

The official said that the most important projects currently under way are: Al Ghazali Motorway; roads in Fintas Centre; roads leading to the main bus station in Murgab; completion of the 6th Ring Road; improvement of main roads in Kuwait City; the Arafat Road that links Jahra Motorway and the 6th Ring Road and the extension of Istiqlal Street.

The projects also include several flyovers on Fahad Motorway and sewage service in Jabriya, Andalus, Abu Halifa, Mangaf and Fahad, he said.

Sheikh Sabah meets Chinese President

Beijing pledges to work for Gulf peace

BEIJING, Aug 23, (KUNA): Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed today underscored the need for lasting peace in the Gulf region and received a pledge that China will do all in its power to help achieve the goal.

The pledge came from Chinese President Yang Shangkun, who told an Arab League team led by Sheikh Sabah "China will do its utmost to implement the United Nations resolution calling for an end of the eight-year Gulf war."

The report, carried by the Chinese news agency Xinhua, further quoted Yang as saying he hopes Iran and Iraq will settle their dispute as soon as possible. Sheikh Sabah is leading a

delegation representing a seven-member committee assigned by the Arab League to pursue a peaceful settlement of the Gulf war through contacts with the five permanent members of the Security Council.

The delegation which includes Iraqi Minister for Foreign Affairs Saadoun Hammadi, arrived here on Monday for talks with the Chinese leaders on the subject.

The delegation also met with Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen and Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Xueqian today.

"China is willing to co-operate with Iran and Iraq and will support whatever is conducive to a lasting and just peace between the two countries," Wu said.

Sheikh Sabah said his dele-



Sheikh Sabah

gation hopes that China will continue to work for lasting peace in the Gulf region.

The Iraqi minister said that

Iraq will spare no efforts to ensure the success of the Geneva talks and a complete settlement of all disputes with Iran.

"Iraq hopes to see a lasting peace in the Gulf region," he said.

Followed

Wu said that the Chinese government and its people closely followed developments in the Iran-Iraq war. From the beginning of the war, China hoped the two sides would solve their disputes through negotiations, he said.

He said China will be pleased to see a lasting, just and complete peace between Iran and Iraq.

Qian said China appreciates the League's efforts in promoting the ceasefire and its stand on realising a lasting peace.

246 additional flights to cope with rush

By Nashat Al Agha

AN official source at Kuwait International Airport said yesterday that 246 additional flights will be operated in the next 20 days to cope with an expected rush of passengers returning to the country.

The source said that the flights will be handled mainly by Kuwait Airways, with some assistance from other airlines.

Meanwhile, the Civil Aviation Directorate has contracted a Saudi company to renovate passport counters, transit offices, information desks and other sections at the airport. The work is expected to be completed in September.

PLO holds rally to mark Al Aqsa fire anniversary

THE Palestine Liberation Organisation held a rally at its Kuwait office yesterday to mark the 19th anniversary of the Zionist attempt to burn the Al Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem.

The director of the PLO office, Awni Battash, called upon the Palestinian masses to preserve national unity.

The Palestinians have a national duty to back leadership of the organisation and remain committed to resolutions of Palestinian democratic institutions, he said.

Battash thanked HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Premier and the government and people of Kuwait for their assistance to the Palestinian people, cause and revolution.

The Palestinian people are rejoicing about the end of Iran-Iraq war, he said. The Arab nation should set aside marginal differences and mobilise their efforts to support the Palestinian people, he said.

The PLO representative affirmed that the revolution will resist all forms of an alternate homeland for the Palestinians.

A member of the general secretariat of the Palestine Trade Unions, Ali Rabee, in a statement on behalf of the Palestinian popular societies, said that the liberation of Palestine is the responsibility of the Muslim world.

The Palestinian people must come to the aid of their brothers in the occupied territories, and the Arab and Islamic countries must extend necessary support, he said.

The Palestinian people want an independent state to steer its own affairs, he said. "We will establish our state on part of Palestine in the near future, to serve as the base for liberating all Palestinian soil," he said.

Initiating

Saleh Derbas, speaking on behalf of Kuwait's Federation of Workers, asked the world community to protect the Palestinians in their homeland and work to halt the Zionist atrocities.

He saluted the young men who have been resisting the occupation for the past nine months, and initiating the first step toward liberation.

92 vessels are still in Iraqi waters

Waterway between Iraq and Kuwait navigable

THE captain of the Kuwaiti-flagged ship Ibn Al Haitham, Mohammad Fuad Al Khasht said yesterday that international navigation corridors between Khour Abdullah in Iraq and Shuwaikh port are usable.

Speaking to KUNA, Al Khasht said that his commercial ship was the first to leave the Iraqi port of Khour Al Zubair after the truce between Iraq and Iran went into effect last Saturday. The ship arrived in Kuwait on Monday under its own power.

Trapped

The ship was trapped in Khour Al Zubair at the outbreak of the Gulf war almost eight years ago. The vessel will be inspected and repaired before returning to service in the merchant marine of the owner company, United Arab Shipping Co.

Ninety two other vessels are still in Iraqi waters.

The general opinion in Gulf shipping circles had been that the trapped vessels would be useless except for scrap after the eight years of being caught in the cross-fire of the war. The condition of

other vessels remains unknown.

It had also been believed that Iraqi ports would not be able to operate without heavy dredging and mine-clearing after the eight-year halt in services, but it seems that the Khour Zubair port is at least operational.

At least one of the first Iraqi vessels to sail out after the ceasefire had reportedly also left from Khour Zubair.

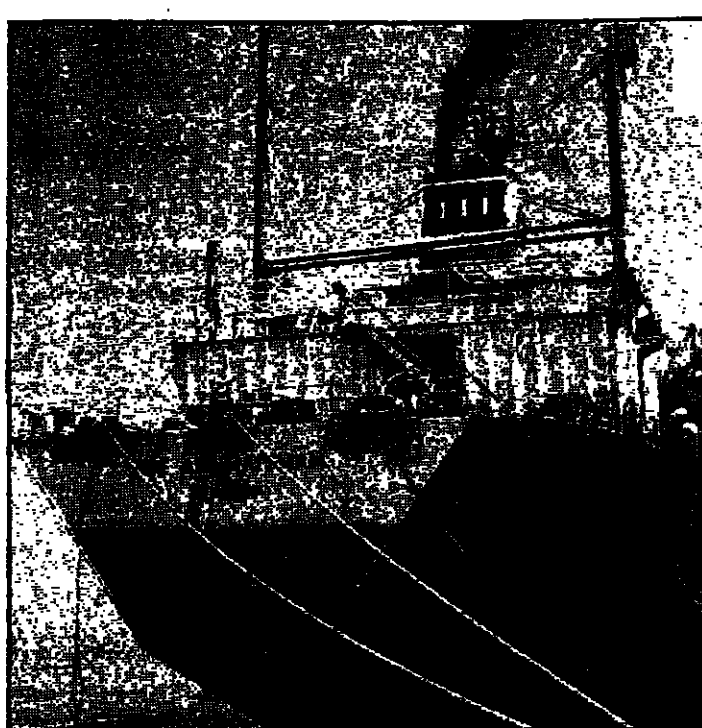
Regarding the insurance reimbursement of the Ibn Al Haitham, Al Khasht said the owner company was reimbursed and then bought the ship back from the insurance company.

Attacked

Ibn Al Haitham, which was built in 1976 with a load capacity of 22,300 tons, was attacked by a missile while it was anchoring at Khour Al Zubair on the second day of Iraq-Iran war.

The ship's design minimised damage from the missile that hit it, Al Khasht said.

He concluded saying he hopes that peace and stability will return to the region.



Ibn Al-Haitham docked at the Shuwaikh port. (KUNA Photo)

Air India to introduce new menu

By Jadranka Porter

THE Kuwait Aviation Services (KASCO) yesterday presented Air India's new menu which will be introduced at the beginning of its winter schedule in late October.

Air India's menus are something of a challenge for KASCO which prepares 9,500 meals a day and caters for 21 airlines.

Task

P.R. Kanga, Air India's manager in Kuwait, said that the airline caters to the tastes of six different groups with distinct eating habits. These include three kinds of vegetarians and three kinds of non-vegetarians, among them the Muslims, who do not eat pork. Kanga said KASCO lives up to the task.

KASCO's assistant director, Odd Anderson, said the company has a clean record, and the quality of its services has never come into question.

Meals produced by KASCO undergo bacteriological and hygiene tests in the company laboratory, which examines up to 300 food samples a month.

Four hundred KASCO staff members labour daily to produce



KASCO chefs have the mammoth task of preparing thousands of meals every day.

thousands of meals, using 600 kg of carrots a day and similar amounts of other basic foodstuffs.

Anderson said it takes about 16 hours from the moment the raw material is brought into the kitchen until the meal is served to passengers.

The company's facilities include hot and cold kitchens, a pasteuriser, a bakery, storage and numerous chillers.

The presentation was attended by Air India's Middle East Regional Director, S. Ranga Rao and several prominent businessmen.

Air India to fly to Tehran ...

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that the airline had to turn away passengers from time to time. The Iranians are great travellers," said Ranga Rao.

"Throughout the war they were going on package holidays to Singapore and Bangkok, as well as India."

Travel agents in Tehran assured him that prospects for the travel business are encouraging. They expect an increasing demand for package holidays to the Far East, as well as India.

Ranga Rao said that over the past few years Iranian tourists

faced foreign exchange problems which have been eased by introduction of package holidays that can be paid for in local currency.

He said that with the ceasefire, he expects Iranians will have less difficulty obtaining visas to other countries. Plans to abolish a travel tax in Iran will further boost the travel trade, he said.

Resume

However, he is less certain about immediate plans to resume flights to Baghdad.

"We are looking at the Iraqi market with great interest," said Ranga Rao.

He will visit Baghdad next week for a closer look at the travel business prospects in the Iraqi capital.

He has some doubts about the airline's ability to make foreign exchange transfers from Baghdad. The Iraqi foreign exchange restrictions affecting the general public could preclude Iraqis from travelling abroad for tourism.

The Indian community in Iraq, which numbered up to 85,000 as recently as 1985, has shrunk to some 5,000, casting further doubt over the commercial viability of an Air India operation from Baghdad.

But in view of the massive reconstruction effort in post-war Iraq, which Ranga Rao hopes India will participate in, the pros-

pects for increased traffic between India and Baghdad are encouraging, he said. Air India suspended flights to Baghdad in February 1987.

Commenting on complaints about Air India's inconsistency in providing seats on connecting flights within India, Ranga Rao said that many of these problems were eliminated when the service was computerised six months ago.

The underlying problem is the airline's insufficient number of aircraft, he added. The airline plans to buy seven aircraft in next five years to bring the total number of Air India planes to 27, Ranga Rao said.

Two Boeing 747s Combi version planes will be pressed into service in late October.

Air India must rely on its own strengths to get financing for additions to its fleet, and is obliged to pay high interest rates on loans, Ranga Rao said.

Although its revenue rose 11 per cent in 1987-88, the airline operated at a loss. All profits were soaked up by interest and loan repayments, he said.

He said the airline's Middle East operation is a steady revenue earner, and traffic from Kuwait shows steady growth.

India has been a popular destination, with cultural and shopping facilities as major attractions for visitors from Kuwait, he said.

"A Kuwaiti dinar can go a long way in India," he said.

Arranged marriages still common

ARRANGED marriages are still common in Kuwait, even though many people reject the idea as old-fashioned, a professional matchmaker said.

Umm Khaled, who became a matchmaker only five years ago, said that the majority of her clients are educated and include engineers, doctors and lawyers, contrary to the popular belief that only the poorly educated use the services of matchmakers.

Compatible

Umm Khaled affirmed that most youths prefer to meet their partners through matchmakers because there is more chance of the couple being mentally compatible and therefore, the marriage being more durable than one based on love alone.

A meeting of minds plus a little bit of love is the best formula for a happy marriage, she said.

"True love does not exist today," Umm Khaled explained how she makes a match. Usually the prospective bridegroom contacts her with his specifications for a future wife.

If she does not find a suitable candidate in her area or among the people she knows, Umm Khaled asks her colleagues in other areas. The most desirable physical attributes in the brides are beauty, white skin, big eyes, above average height, slimmness and long, soft hair, she said.

Grooms also want their brides to be "pure Kuwaitis", meaning that both parents are Kuwaitis. These preconditions were almost impossible to satisfy, she complained. "We are from the Gulf, mostly black or brown in colour, so how can I get a white Gulf woman?"

In many cases the men who specify such points do not themselves have much to recommend them physically, but these shortcomings tend to be compensated by wealth or education.

Umm Khaled said her fees can range from KD 600 to KD 2,000, depending on the financial status of the bridegroom. As a matchmaker, she does not interfere in the amount of dowry, but she may try to reduce it if she is asked.

The average dowry is around KD 3,000, she said.

When asked about allegations that women matchmakers do not tell the truth about the bride and groom when arranging a marriage, Umm Khaled said there are some who do this, but she always tells the truth.

Rejects

Umm Khaled said that she hopes to open a marriage bureau and employ women matchmakers and psychology and sociology graduates to help solve family problems. The bureau would ask for official documents from the prospective bridegroom to verify the information he gives about himself.

Although many people in Kuwait still prefer arranged marriages, the new generation rejects the idea as outdated. Many of them feel that matchmakers were necessary in the past because it was difficult for boys and girls to meet, but that there is no need for their services in this day and age.

Conference on water distillation

KHALED Al Bidawi, public relations director at the Ministry of Electricity and Water, has said that the 4th international conference on water distillation in Kuwait will be held in November next year.

The conference will be organised by the Ministry of Electricity and Water, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait University, the International Distillation Establishment and the Kuwait Foundation for Advancement of Science. Distillation of sea water and ways of developing distillation technology will be discussed.

Contract signed

MINISTER of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti yesterday signed a contract with a local company for construction and maintenance of new service lines to the Amir Diwan, the Crown Prince and Premier's office and the cabinet.

A responsible source in the Ministry told KUNA that the KD 548,000 contract will take 210 days to complete.

Islamic institute

THE Ministry of Awkaf and Islamic Affairs is preparing for the inauguration of the Islamic Studies Institute by the beginning of the new academic year, a local daily reported.

The new institute will adopt a newly-developed system of curricula and will be staffed by experienced teachers, according to the report.

Students union to hold conference

THE National Union of Kuwait Students opens its annual conference Saturday under the auspices of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

The theme of the conference will be "Towards a Full Understanding of the Security Issue." Education Minister and Acting Higher Education Minister Dr Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri will represent Sheikh Saad at the opening of the six-day conference.

The president of the union's executive committee and chairman of the Higher Organising Committee, Badr Al Sumait said 22 students representing the union's six chapters abroad will attend the meeting. The Kuwait office will have 35 representatives.

Twelve representatives of foreign student bodies in the US, Palestine, the United Arab Emirates, Afghanistan, Turkey and Egypt will also attend.

Al Sumait said seven committees will discuss and draft papers on security, the role of women in society and support for the Palestinian popular uprising against the Israeli occupation.

MEW office

THE Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) has opened a new consumer services office near the Co-operative Society in Ardiya.

The office will serve consumers living in Juleeb Al Shuyoukh, Al Firdous, North Ardiya, Sabah Al Salem, Al Andalus and Al Reqa' areas.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

The Amir also received Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Foreign Minister Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed. The minister presented Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi, Ibrahim Mohana Al Mohana, Ahmed Abdul Karim Al Sheikh Ibrahim, Abdullah Ahmed Al Mojed, Ibrahim Ali Al Musso, Fouzi Abdul Aziz Al Jassam, and Sulaiman Ibrahim Al Murjan who were named plenipotentiary ministers of the Foreign Ministry.

Amir receives credentials

HH the Amir yesterday received the credentials of new ambassadors of France and Austria to Kuwait.

The ceremony was attended by the Minister of the Amir Diwan, the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, the acting foreign minister and the undersecretary of the Amir Diwan.

Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a cable of greetings to the President of Romania Nicolae Ceausescu on his country's National Day.

Amiri message

Jordan's King Hussein today received a message from HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad.

The Kuwaiti ambassador to Jordan Sulaiman Al Fassam gave the message to the head of the Royal Court, Marwan Al Qassem.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah received of the Council of Ministers yesterday Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadhi, State Minister for Services Affairs Issa Mohammed Al Mazidi and State Minister for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al Rifai.

Sheikh Saad also received Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti, State Minister of Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan, Minister of Electricity and Water Homoud Al Rqobah, board chairman and director general of the Agricultural Affairs and Fishery Resources Authority, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duqai, and the board chairman of the Kuwait Flour Mills Co. Khaled Al Saqar.

Sheikh Saad also received the director of the PLO office in Kuwait, Awni Battash, who delivered a message from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Crown Prince cable

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah sent a cable of greetings to the Prime Minister of Romania, Constantin Dascalu on his country's national day.

1,797 Hussein teachers

ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY of Education Ministry for Student Affairs and Information, Abdul Moshen Al Said, said that 1,797 new teachers will join the ministry's staff in the new academic year.

He said that 638 of the new teachers are Kuwaiti nationals. Three hundred six teachers contracted with the ministry locally, and 292 were delegated by their governments.

Five hundred sixty one of the teachers were hired in their countries by ministry contracting teams which visited several of Arab countries.

There are 87 teachers coming from Jordan from the end of this month until Sept 5. There are 474 Egyptian teachers who will start coming to Kuwait on Monday, he said.

The ministry's contracting teams received more than 13,000

applications to work as teachers in Kuwait, he said. The applicants were interviewed before the final selections were made.

Lasers used in dentistry

FOR the first time in Kuwait lasers are being used in dentistry and oral surgery at Mubarak Al Kabir Hospital.

Dr Mahmoud Abu Muwais, a dentist at the hospital, said the advantages of the laser treatment include its tranquillising effect and the promotion of rapid healing. The method is easy to use and presents few difficulties, he said.

Dentists take certain precautions during surgery, such as asking patients to wear special glasses to protect their eyes.

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Wanted Diesel generator mechanic cum operator

(preferably Bangladeshi) with transferable residence. Contact Al-Sour Bldg., 3rd Floor, Apt. 21, Al-Sour Street, Suihiya, Kuwait. Tel: 2459034/2459035, during office hours.

Month's Mind



There will be a requiem mass for the soul of our beloved **Floyd Basil D'Souza**

at The Holy Family Cathedral, Kuwait, on Thursday 25th August, 1988, at 5.30 pm. Offered by his heart-broken parents, brothers and sister.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THANKS

We offer our thanks and appreciation to the **DOCTORS, NURSES AND OTHER STAFF** at the KCC Hospital, especially Ward 2, who provided their sincere help and assistance for **Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Warriar**, during her stay in hospital. She expired on Sunday, August 21 in Kuwait.

We also thank to our Colleagues, Friends and Relatives who offered their condolences to our bereaved family.

Inserted by **NVK Warriar and Sunita Warriar**

VIDEO CORNER

Gimme gravy on my mashed potato

By Gail Seery

I've reviewed some silly films in my time, but this one tops them all — or most of them at any rate. It's true that there are no Italian-loving monsters or lobster-torturing baddies in *Hairspray*, but we do have Divine, in and out of drag, and a totally silly plot.

Hairspray takes us to the 1960s, the WZZT television station, and the Corny Collins show. In this world the epitome of achievement for Baltimore youth is to be a "council member" or, more precisely, a dancer, on the Corny Collins show. Not that all their elders agree — "It isn't right to be dancing on television to that coloured music."

Tracy Turnblatt and Penny Pingleton are teenagers — they watch the show avidly and practise all the dance steps. "Look at that hair," Penny says wistfully. "I wish my hair was that high." Meanwhile, the Corny Collins council members are dancing to "Gimme Gravy on my mashed potato."

Both kids have a major problem. In Tracy's case it's that she's rather definitely on the extremely plump side, and that she has *Divine* for a mother. In Penny's case it's both her parents. "Penny, your mother called, all frantic. She says you're punished." "I'm always punished."

When the mother, played superbly by Joanne Havrilla, arrives she explains a little more forcefully. "Penny Pingleton, you know you are punished. From now on you're wearing a giant P on your blouse every day for school so that the whole world knows that Penny Pingleton is permanently, positively punished."

Tracy makes it to the Corny Collins council, much to the dismay and disgust of the nasty, spoilt Amber, whose evil parents, played by Sonny Bono and Debbie Harry, aid and abet her. Everyone at the studio and the viewers love Tracy, but her "hair-hopping" ways see her transferred to a remedial class where she learns about segregation. Penny falls in love with the son of black lady DJ Motor-



Debbie Harry plays Amber's villainous mother

mouth Maybelle. This is the last straw for her parents. "Penny Pingleton, you are punished even after you die!" We then have Tracy spearheading a campaign to inter-

grate the Corny Collins show. All the good people approve of integration between black and white, but all the baddies, ie: Amber and her family, don't. It comes down to a competition

to find the most popular council member. Amber has rigged the voting figures, but the arrival of Tracy on the screen brings a flood of votes for her.

Finally we see Tracy spearheading an integration move, after the station boss, also played by Divine, announces that "Baltimore isn't ready for integrated dancing." Tracy is arrested in a mini race riot, and the station boss declares her to be ineligible to win the contest for the most popular council member because she's in reform school, where for some strange reason, she is having her hair ironed.

With a bit of help from Tracy's friends, the governor issues a pardon, and Tracy takes her title back from Amber whose villainous mother has concealed a bomb in her wig. This is a very sugary story that does no harm, and no good either. The film doesn't take itself very seriously, fortunately, otherwise it would become totally absurd. Its strength lies in its good cast, and not from any complexity or intrinsic worth.

By Shaun Seekins

The Invisible Kid is a new teenage comedy starring Jay Underwood, Wally Ward and Chynna Phillips. Grover (Underwood) is carrying on with his father's experiments to create the perfect toilet bowl cleaner. His main problem is that his father's notes are incomplete and the last and most important experiment just seems to lack that magic ingredient. All he gets is just a sticky green goo, which manages to get everywhere... until the day that he leaves a container of the stuff outside his house just underneath where the pigeons are roosting. Yes you've got it: the pigeons supply the magic ingredient and the green goo is transformed into a kind of angel dust. On his return from school, our friendly nerd is astonished to find that when his white mouse happens to drink a mixture of water and 'it'... no mouse, gone, vanishes. Hello, what's this, the mouse's play wheel is turning, therefore the mouse has become... invisible. At this Grover becomes very excited, his first thoughts being how this will vindicate his father's reputation. But when his friend Milton (Ward) arrives all sort of other possibilities come into their minds, a quick tour around the girls' locker room being high on the agenda.

However, a little bit of revenge is decided upon as openers and the two heroes

imbibe some of the magic potion and set off to the next-door neighbour's house where the daughter just happens to be the most beautiful girl on the block. They manage to queer the pitch for her boyfriend very effectively and as a follow-up decide to prevent him from scoring in the basketball final. But, as it turns out to be a very big BUT, the effect of the potion diminishes by 5 minutes each time it is taken and from an initial 30 minutes, they rapidly find they don't have enough time to do the things they wish. Plenty of action and lots of laughs as the two boys find themselves caught out in some very embarrassing positions.

Drama
Stand and Deliver is not, as the title suggests, a film about highwaymen, but a highly acclaimed drama based on a true story. When a new teacher arrives at a tough California school, Garfield High, he thinks that he will be teaching computer science, but due to lack of funds, no course is available. Therefore he is given a class of mainly Latino children to try to instill into them a basic understanding of mathematics. But this is a man with a mission and he has turned down several tempting offers with much higher pay in order



Basil Rathbone as Sherlock Holmes

to teach. So he sets about motivating these kids, which is no easy task, eventually managing through a highly original approach to show them that without some academic qualifications, life will be much

tougher for them when they leave. Through much hard work and effort, working Saturday mornings and during holiday times, the class manages to pass a critical examination. But, as this is unheard of from this school, suspicion falls upon them of cheating. Will they manage to convince the examiners that they really managed to pass? Watch this unusual and very enjoyable film to find out.

Classics
As this is the 'silly season' in the USA and England where the summer TV programmes consist mainly of old re-runs (most of which are available here already) and due to the writers' strike in the States (now settled, thankfully) there has been a serious sit-down of new programmes available. This is a temporary situation (I hope), but it gives me the opportunity to suggest viewing some of the classics which have been available here for some time. There must be some Sherlock Holmes fans, apart from me, and for us the following are essential viewing. *Sherlock Junior* is one of Buster Keaton's best. A silent film made in 1924, he plays a film projectionist who dreams of becoming a great detective. Sherlock Holmes has featured in more than 150 motion pic-

tures, more than any other fictional hero. Of the twelve films that Basil Rathbone made for Universal during 1942-1946, seven are available.

The first, *The Voice of Terror*, takes place in the London of 1942, battered by Nazi bombing raids and demoralised by radio propaganda broadcasts by "The Voice of Terror," a faceless, omnipresent saboteur. Produced on a small scale, it nevertheless sports a good script and makes the most of Universal's back lot. In a patriotic and memorable finale, Rathbone and Bruce deliver a verbatim exchange from Arthur Conan Doyle's *His Last Bow*, hoping that a new and better world will emerge from the rubble left by the war. Released with this was *Sherlock Holmes in Washington*, made in 1943. More about the world's best known sleuth next week.

Heart is a new drama starring Brad Davis as a would-be prize-fighter who, despite his best efforts, becomes involved with gangsters when he refuses to throw a fight. Eastenders continues and there is some new baseball available for sports fans.

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part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradayil 2422973.

Varna Sporting Centre
Varna Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent SAS hotel on Sept 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For reservations and further details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 5331940.

Country Western Musical
The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual country and western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 2523911/ext. 2346 or Nola Anderson 2428366.

Y.M.C.A.
The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on Sept 1 at 8.30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact J. D'Sa at 2450279, 3981790, 3924659.

Kuwait Malayalees
Kuwait Malayalees Onam Celebration Committee will celebrate Onam on Aug 26 from 9:00am onwards, at the Indian Embassy auditorium, with cultural programmes, competitions, and traditional Onasadya in Kerala style. For passes, please contact 2412986, 5639747, 3943662.

HOTELS

At the Ramada
Al Bandar coffee shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to midnight; a la carte available. Shrimp promotion on Wednesday and Thursday, featuring a variety of shrimp delicacies.

Al Gandou Grill Garden, open 7pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled

specialties. The Open Garden has selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day. Open every day 7pm to 11pm.

Take away counter, open daily 4pm to 11pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, plus fish and chips. Tea, coffee, juices, cakes and pastries are available at the Ramada Al Salam lobby lounge, open 10am to 11pm; ice-cream promotion daily.

On Thursday evenings, Le Mirage nightclub has a barbeque and full buffet; entertainment from Al Arzz band.

At the Holiday Inn
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

On Wednesday, join the Shahrzad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gymnasiums with saunas, solaria, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

At the Sheraton
Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous brunch buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations at lunch and dinner.

Arab world specialties are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At the Hilton
La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Failaka restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special — strawberry and chocolate cream — are available at La Patisserie. Open daily 10.30 am - 10.45 pm.

At the Meridien
La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings. Mango promotion, featuring wide variety of mango preparations, until Aug 31.

At Messilah Beach
Al Mubarakiyah restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a variety of snacks.

At the Kuwait Plaza
The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Ice-cream festival at the International Food Arcade; light snacks also available; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night

every Sunday 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm; live entertainment provided.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahad.

Masters Bowling

The second Masters Tournament, open to both men and women, will be held on Aug 25-26 and Sept 1-2 at 300 Silver Tower (behind US embassy). The deadline for registration is Aug 23. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

Salcombe United

The Salcombe United Sports Centre will hold their third annual Gold Cup Football Tournament starting Sept 9. Those interested may contact Peter 2434415 or Mariano 4744150 after 5 pm, before Sept 1. The draw will be held on Sept 2, at 9 am, at the Phoenixia hotel.

* All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaik. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9:00 Holy Quran
9:30 Space Adventures
10:15 Bu Saieh Yureed
11:15 Hallan: local serial starring Ibrahim Al Salal, Ali Al Mufidi, Mariam Al Ghabban, Zainab Al Dhahi and Daoud Hussain
12:00 News
12:15 Cultural film
1:00 News
1:05 World today via satellite
1:50 Variety show
2:30 Awarq Al Daliyah
3:30 Cartoons
4:15 Feature film: "The Pirate"
6:00 Bundok and Bundokha: serial for children
7:00 Traffic seminar
7:45 Open University
8:30 Wa Qalat Al Arab
9:00 News
9:45 Al Saqqiyah
10:45 Hekayat Min Al



The Mouse Factory, on KTV 2 at 6.10.

Badiyah: starring Miad Awad, Ashraf Abazah and Hassan Ibrahim
11:45 News summary
11:50 World today via satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6:00 Holy Quran
6:10 The Mouse Factory
6:30 The Kids of Degraasi Street: "Griff Gets a Hand"
7:00 Managing the Micro
7:30 Growing Pains: Maggie cannot find a job; Ben suggests she remain a housewife
8:00 News in English
8:30 O'Hara: "Silver in the Hill" O'Hara goes after a bank robber.
9:30 Wildlife On One: "Who Really Killed Cock Robin?"
10:00 Sledge Hammer
10:30 L.A. Law
11:30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0805 Writers and Poets in Arabic
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Golden Collection
0930 News
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 Music With a Theme
1100 Closedown
1130 News on FM Service

Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Pop Scene
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2215 Musical Celebrities
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Soul With a Theme
2330 Choice of the Week
2400 Closedown

0800 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Omnibus
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Report on Religion
45 Country Style

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0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 A-Z of Hollywood
30 Citizens
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 The Pop Science Programme
0400 Newsweek
30 Country Stories
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Report on Religion
45 The World Today
0600 Newsweek
30 Meridian
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Development '88
30 News Ideas
0800 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Hitting the High Notes
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Commentary
15 Society Today
30 New Ideas
40 Book Choice
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsweek
30 Multitrack 2
1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary
39 Stock Market Report
45 Good Books

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CINEMA TODAY



Madonna stars in Who's That Girl?

Al Andalus
Action Jackson
Al Salsiya
Who's That Girl?
Starring: Madonna
Drive-In
Al Ab Al Shari
Starring: Nadya Lutfi and Mohammed Yassin
Al Firdous
Maut Ki Ladaai (Hindi)
Starring: Sridevi and Jayapada
Fahad Open-Air
Nahin (Hindi)

Al Fahad
Lailat Al Kabd Ala Bakiza
Wa Zaghloul
Al Jahra
Lethal Weapon
Granada
Ayam Fi London
Salsabikhat
Itha Samyami (Malayalam)
Al Jeeb
Burglar
Ahmadi Drive-in
Al Folous Wa Al Wohoush

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Babbarat Qual
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Subhan-Nau
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Hidayat Rabbani
2100 Closedown

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Watan Pharmacy
Fahad Al Salem St.
Jawharat Al Khaleej Bldg.
Al Salam Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kabir St., nr. Universal Hotel

Hawalli and Nagra
Noura Pharmacy
Othman St., Nagra

Salsiya and Rameethiya
Phoenixia Pharmacy

Fahad and Ahmadi
Al Badiya Pharmacy
Dabbous St., Mohammed Jassim Bldg. Fahad

Kheitan
Al Fahd Pharmacy
New Kheitan

Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
New Souk

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.59 am
Zuhr 11.50
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Thought for today

HOW sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a
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After Zia's death

Politics thrown
into confusion

By Oliver Wates

ISLAMABAD. (Reuters): The death of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq in an air crash and the absence of an heir-apparent will create a period of confusion in Pakistani politics, Western diplomats and analysts said.

Wednesday's crash may also weaken the hand of Afghan anti-communist rebels, who have lost one of their strongest supporters, they say.

Zia had ruled Pakistan with a firm hand since seizing power in a military coup in 1977, resisting all attempts by the civilian opposition, led by Benazir Bhutto, to remove him.

"There's going to be a period of very serious confusion about who is in charge and what steps are to be taken to maintain the stability of the nation," a Western diplomat said.

The Muslim country of 103 million people is due to hold general elections on Nov 16. Acting head of state Ghulam Ishaq Khan, the Senate chairman, told the nation only hours after the crash that the polls would go ahead as planned.

Elections

He did not say whether political parties would be allowed to put up candidates or whether they would be non-party elections, like the last, disputed polls in 1985.

Zia had said the election would be non-party but no such law was promulgated before his death. The opposition planned to challenge his decision in the courts and was holding rallies across the country to press for party-based polls.

Ishaq Khan also announced a state of emergency but did not say what restrictions might be imposed.

Pakistani and foreign analysts said the most likely outcome would be either free elections or a return to martial law. "It depends very much on the senior Army people," a Western ambassador commented.

Generals have ruled Pakistan for more than half of the time since independence from Britain

in 1947, often through martial law. But the death of Zia and his right-hand man, General Akhtar Abdul Rehman, left no obvious military figurehead.

If elections are held, analysts say, Benazir's Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) would be the favourite to win. Its support has dropped since the days of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was ousted by Zia and later executed.

But the enthusiasm of flag-waving crowds for Bhutto's 35-year-old daughter and political heir, Benazir, is evidence of strong underlying support among the people.

An early casualty could be the nine-party opposition alliance, the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy, a diverse grouping dominated by the PPP and united mainly by its dislike of Zia.

"The common factor has gone," a European analyst said. "There were apprehensions that perhaps now there would be a fresh martial law but I think that it is a positive development that a constitutional path has been followed," Benazir said, commenting on Ishaq Khan's assumption of office.

Zia's death had caught the major pro-government party, the Pakistan Muslim League (PML) in unprecedented disarray.

Struggle

Former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo, sacked by Zia last May, was engaged in a fierce struggle with a pro-Zia faction for control of the party. Earlier on Wednesday, Junejo had threatened to expel from the party any PML members serving as ministers in Zia's non-party cabinet.

Analysts said there was unlikely to be any fundamental change in Pakistan's support for the cause of the Afghan mujahideen, who have been battling Soviet and Afghan forces since 1978.

But they said the new rulers in Islamabad would probably take a softer line towards the Soviet-backed government in Kabul than Zia, who backed the more hard-line rebel elements.

Too many people, but too few resources

China at crossroads after decade of reform

By Jim Abrams

BEIJING. (AP): China, 1988: The year of the dragon, the 10th in the reform years of Deng Xiaoping.

What is the state of the nation? A land of great excess and discouraging want, encumbered by too many people (more than a billion) with too many expectations grappling for too few resources with too little money and not enough opportunity for success.

Deng, now 84 and semi-retired, says the political, economic and social reforms he initiated in 1978 have now entered a "crucial stage."

China must push ahead with price reforms without exacerbating double-digit inflation. It must produce more goods while reining in an industrial growth rate of 17 per cent, far greater than the nation's weak infrastructure and limited financial resources can sustain.

China must also give its people more democracy without unleashing the already serious problems of unrest and crime that accompany a less regimented society.

Poor For all its dramatic changes of the past decade, China is still an aching poor agrarian-based nation where millions have never ridden in a car, seen an indoor toilet or travelled beyond the next mountain.

The government estimates that 60 million people live below the poverty line of 150 yuan (\$40)

per person a year. In the dusty drylands of north-central China, where the late Chairman Mao Tse-Tung built his revolutionary base 50 years ago, 30 million people still live in caves.

About 20 per cent of Chinese, a number almost equal to the population of the United States, are illiterate.

But Deng, thrice-purged by Mao, has transformed the landscape since a now legendary Communist Party conference in late 1978 when he consolidated power, rejected the primacy of class struggle and announced that socialism must be equated with economic development, not political upheaval and poverty.

Deng revived the family farm, encouraged free markets and said private enterprise is crucial to what he calls a "socialist commodity economy." He has traded off unwieldy central planning for production according to market demands.

Experimenting

More recently China has begun experimenting with stock markets, shareholding, land auctions and private housing. Cities avidly compete for foreign investment, and already 12,000 companies, led by those from Hong Kong, the United States and Japan, have invested nearly \$10 billion in joint ventures and wholly owned firms.

Zhao Ziyang, the new general secretary of the Communist Party, speaking at a landmark party congress last fall, emphasised that China will be in the "primary stage of socialism" for



Deng Xiaoping

100 years. In effect, he gave economists a century to tinker with capitalistic business practices.

During Deng's decade, incomes have more than tripled in the countryside, to about 450 yuan (\$121) annually per person, and doubled in the cities to about 1,000 yuan (\$270).

One-fourth of urban households now have colour TVs and one-tenth have refrigerators. In 1981 the figure for both was near zero. Only a third of city residents have indoor plumbing, but a majority own washing machines and tape recorders.

China's gross national product in 1987 topped \$270 billion, more than double a decade earlier and up 9.4 per cent from 1986. Foreign trade quadrupled to \$80 billion, and 1.7 million foreign tourists scaled the Great Wall and viewed the wonders of ancient Xian, compared to 230,000 in 1978.



Zhao Ziyang

The most profound changes have come in the countryside, where 80 per cent of China's 1.07 billion people live. Deng dismantled Mao's initiative-stifling communes and gave the farm back to the family. The farmer now contracts with the state for a certain amount of produce, and can sell anything above his quota on the better-paying free market.

Deng's assurances that it was no sin to get rich has led to "10,000-yuan-a-year (\$2,700) households," inconceivable during Mao's ultra-leftist Cultural Revolution in 1966-76.

Despite the successes, "agriculture problems are crying out for a solution," the daily publication Economic Information has said. Grain production, after hitting a record 407 million tons, in 1984, fell sharply in 1985 and has yet to fully recover.

Bad weather is partly to blame, but a key problem is that the

government, while warning that the nation barely produces enough to feed itself, pays too little for contracted grain. Farmers have little interest in planting rice when they can earn two or three times as much growing watermelons for the free market or setting up a factory on abandoned grain fields.

Large-scale

Beijing is also talking about the need for mechanized "optimum-scale" farms, meaning large-scale production. While no one advocates bringing back communes, there is growing recognition that the family farmer, scraping away at his average 1.5 acres (0.6 hectare) with his water buffalo and hoe, has little room for expanded production.

The most visible evidence of reform in China's cities and towns today is the 20 million free market entrepreneurs whose stalls of fresh foods and brightly coloured clothes clog street corners.

China also has 3.6 million people working for 225,000 "private businesses," or entrepreneurs employing eight or more people. These workers, often hired on fixed contracts, give up "eating from the iron pot," the lifetime employment system where performance is irrelevant, for a shot at earning more in a profit-making company.

Recent economic reforms have centred on giving factory managers more autonomy and adjusting prices to reflect market values rather than arbitrary

state-set ceilings. In both areas, progress has been slow and arduous.

Under the responsibility system, factory managers are freed from excess interference from Beijing or local party secretaries. The manager and his workers are rewarded for making profits and pay the consequences of losing money.

Depends

In reality, though, the manager still depends on government indulgences for scarce energy and raw materials, and he often must sell to the state at unrealistically low prices.

His right to dismiss redundant or unsatisfactory workers is rarely used. China, with an official unemployment rate of 2 per cent, strongly prefers having its excess labour force, estimated at 20 million to 30 million, loafing on the job rather than on the streets.

Price reform, highlighted this year by sharply increased retail prices for such basics as pork, vegetables, sugar and eggs, has been put on hold for the second half of 1988 because of the alarming inflation rate.

Consumer prices in June were up 19 per cent over the same month in 1987, the highest inflation figure ever announced by the communist government. Officials say the living standards of 20 per cent of city dwellers declined last year due to rising prices.

Still, the government insists price reform will continue.



Residents of Takamatsu in western Japan protest against reactor tests at the Ikata nuclear power plant in March. (Reuters wirephoto)

Anti-nuclear movement
gains ground in Japan

By Nao Nakanishi

TOKYO. (Reuters): The Japanese are the only people to have been bombed by nuclear weapons, but only now has a popular movement against nuclear power begun to gain ground in Japan.

The Japanese have, until recently, shown an unreserved acceptance of the idea of nuclear plants as a clean and safe source of power. But some experts say the growing number of nuclear plants are not nearly as safe as the government suggests.

"Chernobyl finally made people understand nuclear power plants can also endanger our life," said Jinzaburo Takagi, who has campaigned against nuclear power for many years.

Radioactive fallout from a fire at the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union in April, 1986, spread all over the world, contaminated food in Europe, and turned large parts of the local area into a wasteland.

Two recent bestselling books — "A Dangerous Story: Chernobyl and the Fate of Japan" by Takashi Hirose, and Sumiko Kansa's "If It Is Not Too Late" have popularised the issue.

Shocked

Kansa, a housewife with two children in the southern city of Fukuoka, knew nothing about nuclear power. She said she was shocked into finding out by the Chernobyl disaster.

"The United States and the Soviet Union, both countries with the technology to send people to the moon, had nuclear accidents. How can we be so sure Japan is absolutely safe?" she said in her book.

This year, the national press reported that Michihiko Tanaka, a former designer of nuclear reactors, told an anti-nuclear conference that one reactor vessel he had worked on was repaired by the company Hitachi after flaws were found in the structure.

Tanaka said that when the reactor vessel in Fukushima, in the north, began to age it could break suddenly due to metal stress.

The Ministry of Trade and

Industry (MITI) has denied this and has said the repairs were within safety limits.

Explains

The official nuclear agency and electricity companies have started printing pamphlets to explain their case, sending nuclear experts to give lectures, and advertising in newspapers to say that nuclear power plants are safe.

Yukihide Hayashi of the atomic energy policy research office said: "We are afraid the anti-nuclear power movement will become as strong as the ones in Europe and the United States."

"We are aware of the potential danger. But we cannot allow them to play on people's ignorance over radioactivity to exaggerate their fears. Alternative energies may be enough for local demand but cannot sustain Japan's economy," he said.

Another official, who used to work for the government's nuclear power plant construc-

tion programme, told Reuters under condition of anonymity that people directly involved knew that some aspects of the programme were dangerous.

According to official figures, Japan's 35 nuclear power plants provide about 30 per cent of the nation's electricity.

Construction

By the year 2030, Japan plans to complete construction of another 18 nuclear power plants to supply about 60 per cent of its power.

Takao Takahara, social scientist at Meiji Gakuin University, said housewives are proving to be the mainstay of the movement.

"It is epoch-making for a country which has so little history of grass root movements," he said.

Over 20,000 people, most of them women, staged an anti-nuclear demonstration in Tokyo in April. "It surely was the biggest and would have been unthinkable a couple of years ago," said Takagi.

Soldiers in Ireland

Never out of the firing line

By Paul Majendle

BELFAST. (Reuters): "My wee girl of five cannot understand why I keep saying to her — never tell people your daddy is a soldier."

Crouching in the back of an armoured Landrover patrolling the deadly back streets of Belfast, the soldier gives a fatalistic shrug of the shoulders and accepts he will always be in the firing line.

He is a member of the Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR), the largest regiment in the British Army, responsible for 85 per cent of the patrolling duties in the strife-torn province of Northern Ireland.

The most senior officers in the 6,500-strong regiment come from the British mainland. The rest are from Northern Ireland in a regiment where 55 per cent are part-timers, the perfect "soft target" for Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas battling to oust Britain.

Crim statistics on the Belfast battalion wall highlight the costs. Of the 177 UDR men killed since its foundation in 1970, 134 were off-duty. They worked as postmen, accountants and electricians, easily marked men in tight-knit, tribal communities.

Lost

The regiments making up the rest of the British Army have lost 410 soldiers since the first units were sent to the province in 1969. Eight were killed in one bloody blow on Saturday when the IRA launched a bomb attack against an Army bus near Omagh, 55 miles (90 km) west of Belfast.

The UDR is made up almost exclusively of Protestants and the largely local force is spread across a wide spectrum of the Irish nationalist community with moderate Catholic politicians arguing that it should be disban-

ded and the IRA quick to intimidate anyone contemplating membership.

Ten UDR men have been killed this year. The latest to die was dragged from a Belfast shoe shop and shot dead in front of his wife and two-year-old daughter.

Farmers have to plough their fields with a gun in their back pockets. A plumber wears a bullet-proof flak jacket. Maybe he will be targeted on patrol that night.

Surely those pressures would force a soldier to crumble under stress when he has to go home at night, not be tucked safely away in a secure barracks.

The Belfast soldier, a street-wise figure with eyes constantly searching for the rooftop sniper, agrees. "There is always a gap in your security awareness. You tend to think it will never happen to you."

Bombs

"You can be late for work one morning and forget to look under the car for bombs. You have to send the wife to the door when someone knocks. You have to check who it is from an upstairs window."

Also on patrol is a member of the Green Finches, the women's contingent in the UDR.

A divorcee with two sons serving in the British Army, said: "Every time there is a UDR death, it makes you ever more determined to go on. If you think about it too long, it gets hard."

"I joined because I wanted to do something for my country. Now it's because I enjoy it."

The Landrover manhole cover bangs open with a loud thud as two soldiers take up "top cover" positions to ensure no one tries to hurl a grenade.

Much laughter on the patrol is provoked by the sight of a startled reporter jumping off his seat at the sound of the manhole

cover clanging onto the roof.

What are the chances of being hit? The patrol leader said: "This Landrover is strong enough to resist grenades and small arms fire."

Then he adds with a touch of hearty bravado: "We could of course get hit by an RPG-7 (rocket fired from a launcher) but you need the length of a football pitch to fire that. They can be very inaccurate."

Support A senior officer from Britain highlights how invaluable the UDR soldier's local knowledge can be against a guerrilla foe who melts back into the local community and relies on it for support.

"These guys have grown up with the terrorists. It's a jungle drums situation out there. They used to throw rocks at each other when they were kids."

The UDR is overwhelmingly Protestant with only three per cent coming from the north's Catholic minority.

Seamus Mallon, a leader of the moderate Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party, said: "They have not earned the respect of the Catholic Nationalist Community. Most people see them as part of the problem, not the solution."

Sixteen UDR members have been convicted of murder, and the senior officer admitted: "We have got our bad eggs. We have to put our house in order. We have got to be whiter than white."

Down among the picturesque country lanes of Antrim where IRA guerrillas hide their weapons, a senior officer from Britain is lavish in praise of the few serving UDR Catholics there.

"They really are the bravest of the brave. They will probably have to give up going to church."

Quayle spoiled Bush's
perfect convention

not answered right away.

That means that the 64-year-old vice-president, already behind in the polls and playing catch-up to Democrat Michael Dukakis, had to leave the convention city on Friday still not knowing the fallout from the Quayle caper.

Quayle would not answer questions on Thursday night, saying that he did not want to rain on Bush's parade.

But starting Friday, Quayle cannot escape the questions as he begins the campaign. And unless there are answers, and the answers are the right ones, the case of the reluctant hawk could wound the Republican campaign right through election day.

Despite all this, Bush did everything right on the podium in the enclosed Louisiana superdome football stadium, and the Republicans gave him the kind of send-off reserved for the likes of Ronald Reagan.

For those who felt he was a wimp, he sounded all man.

For those who questioned his commitment to the conservative crusade, he was the candidate of the right.

For those who doubted his commitment to civil rights, he

said it was time to leave "the tired old baggage of bigotry behind."

For those who wondered if he could broaden the Republican agenda, he replied with eloquent pleas about the handicapped, the homeless and the environment.

Laugh

For those who doubted that this cool, collected vice-president was a person devoid of humour, Bush showed he could make audiences laugh and he could poke fun at himself.

For those — and there were many who have watched him over the last eight years and along the campaign trail — who wondered whether he was capable of giving a stemwinder speech, he did.

And those who felt that after all his years of public service that they did not know him, George Bush gave an intimate look at a son of wealth who made it on his own in rough-and-tumble Texas, a man close to his family and his home.

The Democrats never were sure of their candidate until the final night of the Democratic National Convention, when Dukakis convinced them he could take them back to the White House.

TODAY IN HISTORY

79 — Mount Vesuvius erupts and buries Italian cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

1654 — French, under Prince of Conde, raise siege of Arras, Belgium.

1898 — Russia invites major world powers to co-operate in reducing armaments.

1921 — Turks, in battle of the Sakarya, prevent Greek forces from reaching Ankara.

1922 — Arab congress at Nablus rejects British mandate for Palestine.

1939 — Nazi Germany and Soviet Union sign 10-year non-aggression pact.

1953 — Kenya government calls on Mau Mau to surrender.

1964 — Fireworks explosion in Atlaticahuca, Mexico, during religious celebration kills 45 people and injures 33.

1965 — United Arab Republic and Yemen sign ceasefire agreement.

1967 — Mobs from China repeatedly attack British positions along 17-mile (27 kms) Hong Kong border and are driven off with tear gas.

1968 — France explodes hydrogen bomb at South Pacific testing ground and becomes world's fifth thermonuclear power.

1969 — Iraq executes 15 people on charge of spying for United States and Israel.

1976 — Two Soviet cosmonauts return to earth after 48 days in orbit around earth in space laboratory.

1987 — Arab League urges Iran to abide by a United Nations resolution calling for a ceasefire in its war with Iran.

By Kathy Cuddihy

It's my husband's birthday next week and the same old dilemma presents itself with annual regularity. Oh, I don't mean that he has to face the fact that he's another year older. With his method of graceful aging, that should be the least of his worries. No, I'm the one with the dilemma. I never know what present to get the man.

Actually, when I think about it, it's not just my man who's difficult. It's most men. Nor is the quandary limited to men who supposedly have everything, because the less-than-everything types prove equally daunting.

Part of the problem of not knowing what to buy, is knowing what not to buy — thus making a drastic slash in the list of possibilities. For instance, ties and socks fall into the thanks-but-no-thanks category. I guess men have received so many of these items so often that they universally declared a moratorium on them as gifts. But since my husband hates to shop for clothes and both his tie and sock situation have reached a state of chronic deterioration, I wish someone would break the taboo. Heaven knows, it can't be me, or people might think that I have no imagination.

Handkerchiefs used to be another no-no, but the majority of men use throw-away tissues now. Somehow I can't quite bring myself to give my husband a box of man-size Kleenex for his birthday.

Colognes and aftershave seem to be an obvious solution, but do you ever notice the distinct lack of excitement on men's faces when they open those sorts of gifts? Like the donors have called

Presents of mind



their manhood into question.

Clothes, other than socks and ties, might be welcome, but the ordeal of trying to figure out correct sizes usually defeats people like me who easily confuse shoe size with waist measurements, not to mention neck size with trouser length. And although I wouldn't criticize my husband's taste in clothes, I have to admit that his conservative nature might not be ready for some of my trendy selections.

Since most men love electronic gadgetry, that range of possibilities should be more than adequate. However, those items tend to have fairly substantial price tags, so it behooves the gift giver to be confident of the gift's

success before committing the cash. I've made enough costly errors in that area to persuade me to shy away from electronic gifts for a long time to come. Of course, the mistakes weren't entirely my fault. I assumed that when my man said he'd "really like to get a video recorder" that he really wanted a video recorder. How was I to know that after I had sacrificed and saved in order to get him his heart's desire, that it would sit gathering dust with the rest of his passing fancies?

Then there was the neat little fiasco with the portable radio. His yearning for "a terrific compact radio just like Mike has" had the ring of sincerity about it, so I decided to venture once again into the field of

electronics. Unfortunately, Mike went on home leave before I could find out the brand name of his terrific compact radio. Obliging friends who had the key to his house agreed to carry out a quick search for me. Eureka! I had all the information I needed. Or so I thought. No one realized that Mike had two radios ... and he had taken the compact one on holiday with him. Now we, too, have two radios: the right model and the wrong one.

With such an unpredictable track record, you can see why my husband's birthday poses problems. Of course, he's gracious enough to show the greatest appreciation for anything I give him, even the most outrageous presents. With the utmost consideration he tells me, "Darling, it's the thought that counts. Anything you give me is special."

I wonder what he would say if I gave him a box with a bunch of "thought" credit notes. Needless to say, I already think of him every day. But perhaps I could promise to think of him at appropriate times. Like an hour or two before he comes home in the evening so I can remember I'll have to feed the man and I'd better come up with a decent dinner idea. Or the day before he goes on a trip so I can remember to get his suitcase ready — with more than the usual minutes to spare.

Then again, I could give him exactly what he asks for every year when I beg for present clues. "I really don't want anything at all. I already have everything I need." Hmm. Maybe after putting up with my blunders through the years, he really would be happier with nothing. Do I dare? Well, as he says, it's the thought that counts ...

By Judy Byrne

DOES your doctor get sweaty palms and cold feet when he spots your medical records? Or a pain — in the neck?

Are you the perfect patient, or the sort every doctor longs to prescribe a move to the other side of the world?

Do this fun quiz and find out how good a patient you are. 1. The doctor tells you the results of your test will be back in ten days. Do you:

- (a) wait until you are contacted?
- (b) make an appointment on your way out for two weeks time?
- (c) phone in 11 or 12 days to see if the results have arrived?
- (d) phone after seven days?
- (e) phone after three or four days?

2. You go to the doctor with a pain and he tells you you have shingles. Are you:

- (a) relieved it is nothing more serious?
- (b) a bit disappointed it is not something a bit more exotic?
- (c) worried because it can have long-term effects?
- (d) in a panic. You've heard it can cause blindness?
- (e) unconvinced until you have had a second opinion?

3. Do you own:

- (a) a medical dictionary?
- (b) a book about alternative medicine?
- (c) neither?
- (d) between two and six medical books?
- (e) a small library of medical books?

4. Your doctor gives you a prescription. Do you:

- (a) ask him to tell you what it is?
- (b) worry about the possible side-effects?
- (c) quiz the pharmacist?
- (d) take it home and look it up in a book before you take it?
- (e) tear it up. You don't agree with taking pills?

5. You are going on an exotic foreign holiday. Do you:

- (a) check to find out if any protective injections are needed?
- (b) sign up for a few jabs like typhoid and yellow fever whether they are needed or not?
- (c) book an appointment so you can have a chat to the doctor about it?
- (d) go and keep your fingers crossed?

6. What first aid precautions do you take? Do you:

- (a) take plasters, tummy pain tablets and something for headache?
- (b) trust to luck and the local chemist?
- (c) ask your doctor's advice.
- (d) ask your doctor's for a list of prescriptions?
- (e) take all the sterilized

Are you a pain to your doctor?

If you sneeze, cough or have a headache do you rush to see your doctor? Or do you go for a check-up only when you know you are ill? Do this fun quiz and find out if you try your doctor's patience.



equipment needed for an emergency blood transfusion?

7. You suddenly become listless and lethargic. Do you:

- (a) book up a holiday?
- (b) look critically at your life style and diet?
- (c) tell yourself to snap out of it?
- (d) go straight to the doctor for a check-up?
- (e) only go to the doctor if the condition persists more than a week?

8. What do you do for a cold?

- (a) Ignore it?
- (b) Feed it?
- (c) Cosset it?
- (d) Put it to bed?
- (e) Take it to meet your doctor?

9. You have a doctor's appointment and have been kept waiting 30 minutes. Do you:

- (a) assume there has been an emergency and wait your turn?
- (b) kick up a fuss?
- (c) point out politely how long you've been waiting?
- (d) make a new appointment?
- (e) storm out?

10. If you were having problems in your sex life, would you expect your doctor:

- (a) to listen sympathetically?
- (b) offer expert counselling?
- (c) to refer you to a specialist?
- (d) to be too busy to be bothered with you?
- (e) to prescribe something you could take for it?

11. You have read about a new wonder diet in a magazine but you should consult your doctor before going on it. Do you:

- (a) ignore the advice?
- (b) ignore the advice because



you know you have no health problems?

(c) insist on asking the doctor first?

- (d) take the diet to discuss with him?
- (e) go and talk to your doctor about losing weight under his supervision?

12. You read about a strange disease and you are sure the symptoms are what you have been feeling. Do you:

- (a) take the book to show your doctor?
- (b) go and tell your doctor what you have been reading and ask could it be related to your problems?
- (c) insist he check carefully for the disease?
- (d) put it out of your mind?
- (e) laugh at yourself for thinking that it could possibly be such a rare disease?

13. The doctor asks you to come back in two weeks if you are not better. Do you:

- (a) go back in two weeks anyway?
- (b) go back only if you are sure there has been no improvement?
- (c) give it another week, just in case you are wasting his time?
- (d) give it one week then go and see him?
- (e) not go back at all unless it is getting noticeably worse?

14. Do you like doctors who:

- (a) sit and explain everything to you?
- (b) explain things quite thoroughly?
- (c) explain the obscure and unusual to you?
- (d) tell you nothing unless

you demand to know? or (e) tell you nothing even if you demand to know?

15. A friend cannot stop scratching their head. They also have a rash on one arm. Do you:

- (a) feel sorry for them?
- (b) suggest they have a good bath?
- (c) tell them about a good herbal remedy?
- (d) try to forget about them?
- (e) start scratching, too?

HOW TO SCORE

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11.	0	5	10	15	20
12.	20	15	10	5	0
13.	15	10	5	20	0
14.	20	15	10	5	0
15.	5	10	15	0	20

What Your Score Means

0-90. You are a doctor's dream. You give no trouble at all. But perhaps you should.

You want to be as little trouble as possible, but there are times when your health would benefit if you did throw your weight around. If you asked more questions, demanded to be noticed. There is not much chance you will quietly expire of symptoms he did not realize you were suffering from.

95-185. If your doctor thinks you are a pain, the prescription is simple — change doctors. You are not demanding without justification. Rightly, you are not happy until you know what is troubling you.

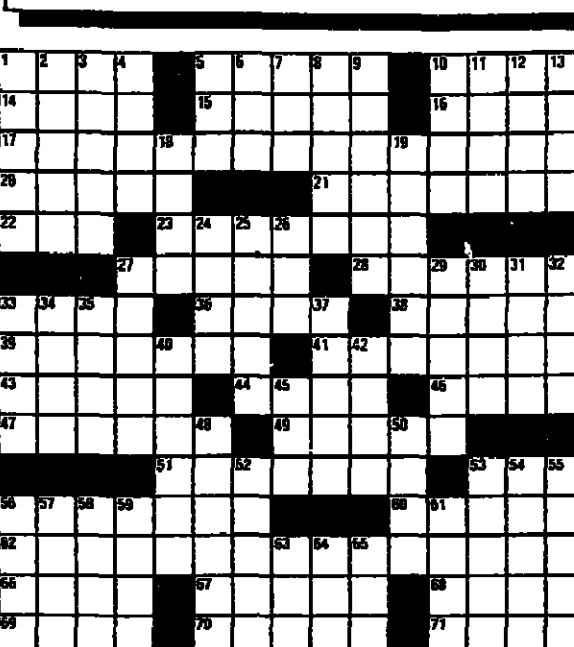
You keep asking questions until you understand what is happening to you. Unless you have the sort of doctor who operates with stopwatch in one hand and a prescription pad in the other, you should not have any problems. If you do, the remedy is in your own hands.

190-285. You are probably one of the least favourite patients in your doctor's practice. So you need to ask yourself some searching questions.

Are you too eager to consult your doctor for the most minor of symptoms? Why not give it a day or two to see if it will just go away? A good soul-searching session could set you free from your hypochondriac ways. It could also do your health a power of good too.

Not to mention your doctor's.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- "El — brujo"
 - Modily
 - Not closed
 - Parched
 - Indian craft
 - King mackerel
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 - Expunge
 - Betty locale
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 - Poetic preposition
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

TAKE THE EXTRA ODDS

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 2
♥ A 4
♦ K 9 7 6 3 2
♣ 9 7 6

WEST
♠ Q 8 7 5 4 3
♥ 8 3
♦ J 5
♣ 10 4 2

EAST
♠ 10 9 6
♥ K 9 6 5 2
♦ A Q
♣ J 8 3

SOUTH
♠ A J
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ 10 8 4
♣ A K Q 5

The bidding:

South West North East

1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

Some hands look so deceptively simple that many players don't even give the hand a second thought. That could be a costly habit, as this hand from a team tournament in Sweden highlights.

The auction proved to be simple and direct—three no trump was the popular contract everywhere. No North bothered to show his six-card minor suit over his partner's no trump opening.

The opening lead, too, did not vary. At every table West led a low spade. At most tables, too, the play went the same way. Declarer won the first trick in hand and led a diamond to the king and ace. East forced out the last spade stopper, and those declarers found out they could come to no more than seven tricks.

Here and there a declarer found the winning line. They won the first

trick in dummy and immediately played three rounds of clubs. When that suit divided evenly—as it should a substantial 36 percent of the time—the hand presented no problem. The declarers simply continued with ace of hearts and another, and they had nine tricks by way of two spades, three hearts and four clubs.

What if clubs had not broken evenly? The successful declarers would have been no worse off than those who tried diamonds first. They would have given up on hearts and clubs and continued with a diamond to the king. And like those declarers who led a diamond at trick two, they would have landed the contract had West held a doubleton ace of diamonds. It cost nothing to try clubs first.

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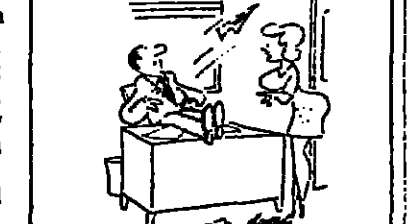
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RRR	STOREMEN	
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AMIEUS	RESEMBLE	
RAND	LEASE	IRIS
CRABMEAT	NOLANS	
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"Bad mistake that fish tank—last thing he needed was something relaxing to watch."



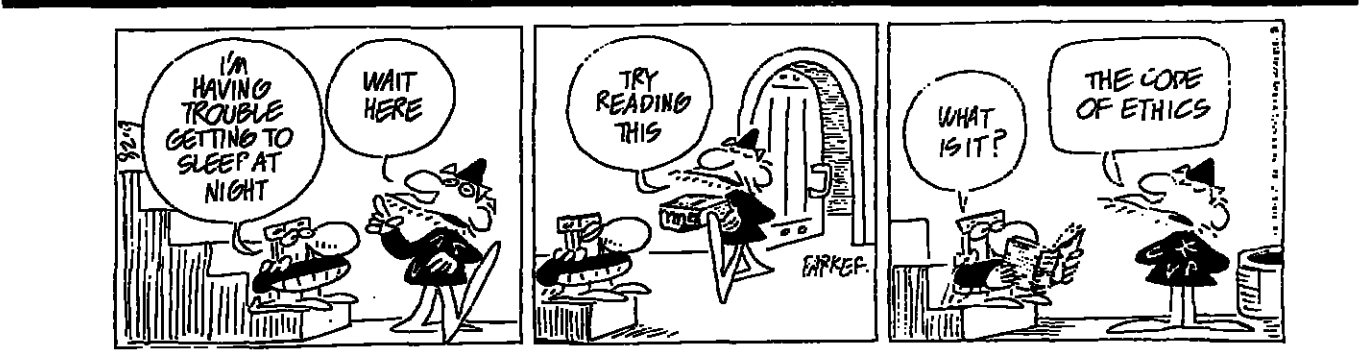
"Someone out here is asking for five minutes of your valuable time."



"Where did you get that sandwich? I didn't bring any sandwiches!"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You must take good care to avoid creating chaos around yourself. The situation is good but you must make sure you make the best use of your opportunities.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will not be quite sure of yourself and should not just hope for the best. Better to do only what you are sure about and to try to increase your area of sureness. Avoid eating anything you have an idea does not agree with you.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Some secondary matter will tend to be blown out of proportion. You should not let a small disappointment cause you to lose confidence in yourself. You will be better able to face up to the facts of the matter. Be resilient.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You should try to be a little more flexible. The Moon's better influence will help to correct an error. You should avoid being quite so suspicious. Be more tolerant.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be better able to make up your mind. The prospects in your personal affairs are also good. You will be more persuasive but must not rely altogether on your charm. Be generous.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should try to avoid doing anything that would be embarrassing to your partner. You will be able to do something you have long wanted to do. Do not take anything for granted just now. Be loyal.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You have the wind in your sails only you must make sure you are heading in the right direction. Do not do anything that would or might cause a rift between yourself and your partner. Do not rely too much on intuitions.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb 18)

You will be more aware of change and better able to respond to it. You will also be better able to distinguish between what is important and what is not. You are rather liable to make the wrong choice.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will tend to be rather on the impractical side and should take corrective action. Do not rely too much on a promise made in the heat of the moment. Do not make any claims you cannot substantiate. Be tactful.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

Something you have thought might happen will in fact do so. Things are not always what they appear to be so make sure you do not go by appearances. You will be proved right but you should not rub it in. Be patient.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

At first you will be rather unsure of yourself but you will soon be able to regain your usual confidence. You should not concern yourself with secondary matters. A little more patience will be well rewarded. Be accurate.

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By Neville Darbyshire

A MACABRE letter reputed to have been written by Jack the Ripper during his campaign of mass murder and mutilation in Victorian London has been anonymously returned to Scotland Yard after being lost for decades.

The letter, written in red ink and sent to a London news agency in Sept. 1888, after the second of the five killings of East End prostitutes ascribed to the Ripper, is one of the most important surviving documents of the infamous case.

It was among a bundle of documents sent to the curator of the Yard's Black Museum earlier this year in a plain brown envelope. It had been posted in Croydon but all attempts to identify the sender have failed.

Mystery

"It is a great mystery but at least we now have a more complete file," said Mr John Dellow, Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. "We do not even know how long the documents have been missing."

Also shown publicly for the first time yesterday were original post-mortem photographs of three of the Ripper's victims which had been presumed lost.

They were returned to Scotland Yard separately by the family of a senior police officer who died recently.

It is not known how the photographs came into his possession but he is believed to have used them to illustrate criminology lectures.

The Ripper letter, signed "Yours truly, Jack the Ripper (Don't mind me giving the trade name)," was addressed to "The Boss, Central News Office, London City."

It was first treated by the news agency as a sick joke but when they forwarded it to the Scotland Yard it was viewed as being genuine.

Slaughter

It begins with taunts to the police involved in the murder hunt, saying "I keep on hearing the police have caught me but they won't fix me just yet. I have laughed when they look so clever and talk about being on the right track."

It continues with pledges that the slaughter, near decapitation and disembowelling of prostitutes would continue. "I am down on whores

Macabre Jack the Ripper letter, pictures returned to Scotland Yard 100 years after murders



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and I shan't quit ripping them until I do get buckled.

"Grand work the last job was. I gave the lady no time to squeal. How can they catch me, I love my work and want to again."

"You will soon hear of me with my funny little games. I saved some of the proper red stuff in a ginger beer bottle over the last job to write with but it went thick like glue and I can't use it. Red ink is fit enough I

hope, ha ha.

"The next job I do I shall clip the lady's ears off and send them to the police officers just for jolly, wouldn't you."

"Keep this letter back till I do a bit more work then give it out straight. My knife's so nice and sharp I want to get to work right away if I get a chance."

A postscript to the letter reads: "Wasn't good enough to post this before I got all the red ink off my hands, curse it. No

luck yet. They say I'm a doctor now ha ha."

The Ripper's third murder was committed five days after the letter was posted.

The authenticity of the letter has been questioned by a number of expert criminologists, including the curator of the Black Museum himself, Mr Bill Waddell.

"Graphological analysis of the letter does not suggest it was written by a psychotic mur-

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25. Sept. 1888.
Dear Boss.
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Good luck
Yours truly
Jack the Ripper
Don't mind me giving the trade name.

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derer and my view is that it may have been written by somebody in the Central News Agency," he said.

"But it is a vital document, representing the first time the term Jack the Ripper was coined. The nickname stemmed from that one letter."

Other documents contained in the bundle were original post-mortem notes on one the Ripper's first victim, Mary Ann Nicholls, and a draft of a pardon issued by Scotland Yard to anyone who may have been peripherally involved in the killings if they would deliver Jack.

Identity

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Among the chief suspects were Montague Druitt, a London barrister from a medical family who committed suicide seven weeks after the final murder, Aaron Kozminski, a mysterious Polish Jew who died some years later in a lunatic asylum and Sir William Gull, a Freemason and Queen Victoria's personal surgeon. A less likely but more spectacular suspect was the Duke of Clarence.

The murders, which were carried out between Aug 31 and Nov 9, 1888, almost caused the government of the day to fall and led to the resignation of the Metropolitan Police Commissioner following the intervention of Queen Victoria.

The area of Whitechapel where the murders took place is still a regular tourist attraction and the centenary of the Ripper's bloody campaign has prompted a glut of new books and television programmes.

The victims were: Mary Ann Nicholls, murdered Aug 31 in Buckle Row; Annie Chapman, murdered Sept 8 in Hanbury Street; Liz Stride, murdered Sept 30 in Berner Street; Catherine Eddowes, also murdered Sept 30 in Mitre Square; and Mary Kelly, murdered Nov 8 in Millers Court. The rediscovered pictures are of the first three victims.

Mr Dellow said that while the documents and photographs add nothing to the overall knowledge of the Ripper case they are vital artefacts of criminal history.

The documents will be sent to the Public Record Office, where the police files on the case have been 'lodged' since 1951. The pictures are likely to remain in the Black Museum.

Singing a song about AIDS

By Lucy Ash

ENCOURAGING convent schoolgirls to write songs about safe sex may seem shocking. But the idea appeals to Dr Andrew Kossia, chairman of Sierra Leone's National AIDS Committee.

"You need imagination to fight this disease and music is one of the most powerful weapons we have. If people like it, they will listen and it could save their lives," said Dr Kossia.

Recording and producing a cassette of songs about AIDS was the idea of an east London artist, Mrs Catherine March, and her husband, Lenford, a Birmingham reggae musician.

Mrs March 28, was sent to Sierra Leone last year by Voluntary Service Overseas to act as health education co-ordinator for the Lassa Fever Research Project based in the small Eastern province town of Segbwema. Since 1986, the US-funded Lassa Project has used its facilities and established a network of medical personnel to carry out tests for HIV antibodies and to educate people about AIDS.

According to the latest World Health Organisation figures, there are no AIDS cases in Sierra Leone. But the National AIDS Committee has been carrying out a survey of 1,500 people in "high risk" groups. Of 950 blood samples analysed, eight have been positive: five of these are HIV carriers, one has developed the disease and two have already died.

Situation

Dr Kossia said: "As yet, the situation seems, nowhere near as serious as it is in parts of East and Central Africa. But we can not afford to be complacent. We live in a promiscuous society and I fear there are many, many more undiagnosed cases across the country."

Attitude to AIDS ranges from incredulity — a 15-year-old schoolboy said it was myth invented by whites to control the black population — to the panic stricken belief that breathing the same air as an infected person is fatal.

Effective health education is crucial but difficult in a country where 70 per cent of the population are illiterate. There has been no television since 1984 when the economy slumped and the communications net-

In Sierra Leone health officials try a novel way of educating youth on the dangers of AIDS, by encouraging them to make up popular songs about safe sex.



Teenagers at a school in Sierra Leone learn an anti-AIDS song.

work was virtually paralysed outside the capital Freetown.

"We are dealing with a completely different economic reality here," said Mrs March. "So we had to find a form of health education which was both powerful and appropriate. Music seemed a good way to reach large numbers of people, particularly in the younger age groups."

The AIDS songs are all in the widely-spoken Krio dialect, a West African form of "pidgin," and were mainly written by teenagers girls at the Holy Rosary School in nearby Kenema.

Detailed

At AIDS workshops in local schools, each pupil is asked to practise using a condom by rolling one onto a banana. The songs are equally explicit: "If you want to betete, betete yu enyo boifren na fo yus condom bifo yu get seks." ("If you want to protect yourself and your boyfriend, don't forget to use a condom before you have sex").

The songs include detailed instructions on condom use and there is warning against economy measures: "Wan tem yus, if yu no wan AIDS." (Use only once if you don't want AIDS). Condoms, are relatively cheap — one month's supply costs less than a packet

of cigarettes. The songs do not attempt to preach sexual morality but they do state the facts: It is safer to stick to one "grain posin" (faithful partner) and avoid "plenti waka-waka" (sleeping around). The dangers of blood transfusions and dirty needles are also covered. And the fact that people can look and feel well but still be infected is continually emphasised.

Yet Mrs March felt it was vital to alert people to an incurable disease without resorting to scare tactics which might cause mass panic. So one song, No Fred Den, No Blem Den (Don't Fear Them, Don't Blame Them), sweeps away the old wives' tales about catching the virus by shaking hands and stresses the need for humane treatment of AIDS sufferers.

Copies of the "AIDS Club" cassette are now circulating around the country and more will soon be distributed free to discos, football stadiums, youth clubs, radio stations and clinics.

The tape is already popular with Freetown's taxi drivers. AIDS songs have also been recorded in Gambia and Zimbabwe and Mr and Mrs March would eventually like to produce a Pan-African AIDS LP.

By Samia Nakhoul

BEIRUT. (Reuters): "I need money to support my sick father and handicapped brother. I have no skills except selling my body. It is an easy job for a lot of money," said Jinan, 15, one of a growing band of young prostitutes in war-torn Lebanon.

Starved of affection in a land where violence and hatred are widespread after 13 years of civil war, girls as young as 12 offer sex for cash, a dose of heroin or even a chocolate bar.

Jinan, living with her family of eight in a cramped two-room house in a poor residential area of Christian east Beirut, is one of hundreds of girls drawn into the sordid business.

"I could have worked as a maid like my mother but in an hour I can make what she gets for a whole day of tiring, exhausting and humiliating work," said the small, baby-faced girl.

Jinan, with long dark hair and black piercing eyes, was only 10 when her family sought refuge in east Beirut from battles in the Druze-held Shouf mountains in 1983.

Horror

Social workers like Najwa Ghanem, head of the Dar Al Amal institution, have many horror stories.

"A 12-year-old girl was raped by a gang of gunmen. Then she started sleeping with them without realising what she was doing was prostitution," Ghanem said.

"The frail girl, whose father uprooted her from her family and village to work as a maid in Beirut, knew only one thing: she didn't want to go back to her old job," Ghanem added.

Ghanem, who runs a rehabilitation centre along with a team of eight specialised social workers and psychiatrists, said they knew of hundreds of cases of young girls and boys, mainly refugees, working as prostitutes.

Some children, their parents unaware of their secret lives, work after school and return home before dark, Ghanem said.

Sitting with other prostitutes waiting for clients in a seaside coffee shop in West Beirut, 16-year-old cripple Magda said she was working to pay for an operation.

Many have been sexually abused at the age of nine or 10 by militiamen and gunmen.

Teenage girls accept chocolate bars for favours in Lebanon

"Militiamen use the young girls to traffic drugs, smuggle arms and spy for them. Their lives are in danger. They are scapegoats," a social worker who requested anonymity said.

Sociologists say the problem is growing, despite Lebanon's conservative Arab traditions, because of the war and a serious economic crisis which has driven thousands into poverty.

"Some unfortunate girls sell their bodies for a sandwich, a bag of popcorn or a chocolate bar," one social worker said.

Others, disowned by parents who discovered their trade, end up sleeping in the streets, with militiamen in their barracks or squatting in bombed-out houses, she added.

"They are unfortunate, often beaten up, abused and sometimes murdered. In many cases, a militiaman will force a girl to sleep with all his friends," she said.

"The boys have a better future because unlike the girls they do it temporarily and purely for financial reasons. They usually quit when they are old enough to work... but the girls are trapped in this business forever," she added.

Ghanem and her colleagues rehabilitate prostitutes aged between 14 and 40 and train them for manual work but few adapt to a new way of life. The youngest are sent to convents.

Psychologist Yolande Khouri linked the trend among displaced children to the poor, unstable environment and their sudden uprooting from a rural society to an urban one.

"They lost the feeling of a cosy home, an intimate community and the traditions of the village. The parents, tormented by their own problems, were not able to foresee the risks their children were taking," she added.

But the primary incentive was the children's thirst for affection due to the negligence of parents too busy dealing with the misfortunes of a devastating war.

"They feel lonely in the city. Most of the girls do not do it only for money. They can sleep with 15 men a day and get money only from two. They are

starved of affection. They sleep with whoever smiles at them or cares for them," she said.

For many it is simply a living. Prostitution is even widespread among married women seeking a way to improve their income and preserve their social standards.

Emile Eid, chief of police of the Christian Lebanese Forces Militia, said: "Divorce, displacement, marital problems, poverty and death in families are major factors driving women to this profession." He said some were drug addicts who sold their bodies for cocaine or heroin.

"There is no social security in Lebanon. If a girl is unskilled and uneducated, she prefers that kind of easy and financially rewarding job," he added.

The militia and internal security police try to maintain regular medical checks on prostitutes and treat them for sexually transmitted diseases, a security source said.

Six foreign prostitutes found to be AIDS carriers were expelled from country in the past six months, the source said.

Legal prostitutes in Lebanon get between 5,000 and 25,000 pounds (\$15-70) a session while a typical bank clerk starts at 16,000 pounds (\$45) a month.

"Why should I get 20,000 pounds a month when I can make 20,000 a day?" asked Samar, 28, who works in a brothel in Muslim West Beirut.

Security sources said most of the clients were militiamen, Lebanese and Syrian soldiers, and many Lebanese who can no longer afford to go abroad.

Prostitution is more widespread in the Christian East as an outcome of the civil war, Eid said.

Most of West Beirut's best-known bars, brothels and night spots were forced to close by the fighting or in a wave of attacks by pro-Iranian fundamentalists in 1984.

As a result, Eid said, many pleasure seekers from West Beirut and the Muslim northern city of Tripoli now crossed to the Christian area for their entertainment.

Our hairy relations?

By John Gribbin

GRAHAM GREENE may have written about "the third man," but Western anthropologists are now getting excited about the possibility of "the third chimp." The connection is that the third type of chimpanzee may be — ourselves.

This somewhat startling claim results from the latest developments in the field of molecular anthropology. Since the 1960s, molecular biologists have been developing and refining techniques which compare the molecules from the blood or tissue of living individuals, to see how closely related those individuals are.

Identify

The technique began by comparing proteins from members of different species, and using differences in the composition of the proteins to provide a measure of the degree of relatedness between the two species, such as the horse and the zebra. It proved a useful tool in drawing up animal "family trees" but it began to raise eyebrows when applied to people.

The technique has now been

developed to the point where a partial fingerprint can be taken of the DNA itself, the molecule of life, in a small sample of blood or other material from an individual. It hit the headlines recently when it was used to identify a rapist who had attacked several women in the Midlands.

The idea of genetic fingerprinting clearly has far-reaching implications in modern society. It is also used to establish paternity in disputed cases, and in Britain at least to help establish the right of a would-be immigrant to enter the country, by proving a blood relationship with a British citizen. But the anthropological implications are no less dramatic.

From the earliest days of this technique, more than 20 years ago, it showed that human beings and the two kinds of African ape, the chimp and the gorilla, are much more closely related than anyone had suspected.

Because the variations in the genetic material — mutations — build up at a more or less steady rate, the closeness of these similarities established that human, chimp and gorilla all share a common ancestor as recently as five million years

ago. The shock waves from that 25-year-old claim are still rippling through the anthropological community. But now it has been hit by another bombshell.

It seems "obvious" that the anatomy of a human being is different from that of the chimp or the gorilla, and that we stand at some distance, in evolutionary terms, from our hairy cousins. But researchers at Wayne State University, in Detroit, have now used the genetic fingerprinting technique to show that humans are more closely related to the chimpanzees than either humans or chimps are to the gorilla. Only one per cent of our DNA differs from that of the chimps.

Homininae

Morris Goodman, of Wayne State, takes what must now be regarded as a cautious line in assessing the implications. He proposes that humans, chimps and gorillas should now be placed in the same new sub-family, Homininae, instead of leaving humans in proud isolation in their own classification. But other researchers, including Jared Diamond, of the University of California, Los Angeles, take things a step further.



A very close relationship between two chimps. Do they have other relations unknown to them?

There are two recognised members of the chimpanzee family, they point out, the common chimp and the pygmy chimp. These two chimps are more closely related to humans than either type of chimp, or humans, is to anything else, including the gorilla. So, logic dictates, the correct classification would put the three types of chimpanzee (common, pygmy and human) together in

one group, contrasted with the gorillas.

On this picture, the gorilla line split off from the chimpanzee line between eight and 11 million years ago, while the split between ourselves and the other chimps occurred a little over five million years ago. It isn't cousins, but brothers and sisters, members of a sibling species, that we keep in zoos to entertain us.

American fast food collides with slow Soviet service

By Carol J. Williams

MOSCOW. (AP): On a hot sunny day at 5 pm, about 40 foreign tourists clustered around the locked doors of the Baskin-Robbins ice cream parlour to await the end of the Soviet staff's two-hour lunch break.

At 5:10 the glass doors parted just enough for the manager to let two friends out. One of seven clerks scattered inside the pink, brown and white parlour looked out at the crowd, then back at the book in her lap.

When the ice cream seekers got restless and began pounding on the door, manager Valery Kaiserov returned with some advice: "Come back at 6."

Across town at a riverfront spot frequented by foreign tourists, the Astropizza van that arrived from New Jersey in

the spring had an even more disappointing message for those lined up to buy its pies: "Come back tomorrow."

The few American fast-food outlets that have managed to open in Moscow are learning the hard way why fresh food and fast service are such a novelty in the Soviet Union.

For others such as McDonald's and Pizza Hut, it may be years before their franchises open because of the lack of suitable space in central Moscow and the uneven quality of Soviet labour and commodities.

American consumers take for granted that fast-food restaurants will be open during their posted hours and that the hamburgers, french-fried potatoes and pizzas are famous for will be available once they get through the doors.

Kaiserov's ice cream parlour at the Hotel Rossiya is the first Soviet franchise of the US-based Baskin-Robbins International Co. that has branches around the globe.

It opened on July 21, but in two weeks has revised its operating hours almost daily and has taken at least two full nights off to catch up on paperwork.

A hand-lettered sign hanging on the door has been scratched over so many times it is hard to read anything but the initial phrase "hard currency only."

Open

The shop was to stay open until midnight, but Kaiserov said other restaurants at the sprawling Rossiya complex close at 11 pm, so he does likewise.

"We close at 11, but we don't let any more customers come in after 10," he clarified.

On two consecutive nights during the first week of operation, the store shut down in the afternoon so seven of its 10 clerks could go over the previous days' receipts.

"We aren't bringing in as much money as we expected and we have to find out why," Kaiserov explained.

The Hotel Rossiya management also provides no separate cleaning service for the ice cream parlour, so the scoopers and bookkeepers must close down an extra hour in the middle of the day for "sanitation," the manager explained.

Louis Piancone of Roma Food Enterprises claims his mobile Astropizza operation is a great success with Soviets and foreigners alike, but concedes the van has run out of pizza many times and that few people have been able to figure out

where it will be located one day to the next.

"We're still testing," Piancone said in a recent interview.

He has agreed with the Moscow city government to sell his pizza for rubles three days a week and for hard currency on three other days. But a switch to hard currency-only sales is necessary at times to balance the higher ruble sales.

Piancone, who makes his pizza with ingredients shipped in from the West, has been offered a number of Soviet commodities to buy with his ruble profits, which cannot be taken out of the Soviet Union. But he said he has yet to purchase anything with the non-convertible currency.

PepsiCo Inc. last September signed a joint-venture agreement with the Soviets to open two Pizza Hut restaurants in Moscow.

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SABIC products reach more than 65 countries

RIYADH, Aug 23, (OPECNA): The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) is exporting products to more than 65 countries worldwide, according to Ghazi Al Jilani, director of industry and commerce at the Saudi Arabian Planning Ministry.

He said that the corporation achieved impressive financial results last year, despite a fall in oil and natural gas prices and restrictions imposed on SABIC exports by some European countries.

All productive sectors within SABIC, he said, had achieved high growth rates during the year, especially agriculture and services.

Bright
Al Jilani predicted a bright future for the kingdom's petrochemical operations which, he pointed out, enjoyed many privileges, including an abundance of raw materials, cheap fuel and sound capital backing.

"These will continue with the production of oil and natural gas into the next century," he said. He added that he expected the domestic market to expand in the future, as requirements for petrochemicals increased, resulting in a number of new industries associated with the sector.

Meanwhile, a SABIC report has disclosed that production capacities and product sales from all corporation plants showed a marked increase in the second quarter of this year.

It also disclosed that the Saudi-European petrochemical company, Ibn Zahr, an affiliate of SABIC, was nearing the stage of experimental operation for the production of MTBE.

Construction work on the national company for chemical fertilisers, Ibn Bitar, was also continuing, added the report.

Inflation an obstacle to EEC role, says Turkey

ISTANBUL, Aug 23, (Reuters): Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said today Turkey was trying to cut its inflation rate of 75 per cent as part of preparations for full membership of the European Economic Community.

"Our policies are geared to prepare the national economy for integration with the community," the Anatolian News Agency quoted him as telling a meeting of the International Institute of Public Finance.

Turkey, an associate member of the community since 1964, applied for full membership in April last year.

Down
"We are aiming to pull inflation gradually down to under 20 per cent by 1991 within a medium-term programme," Ozal said.

"After Turkey's entry into the community, closing the gap between its inflation rate and that of the community will become much easier because of increased foreign investment," he said. Turkey's application has met stiff resistance from several member states, including Greece, mainly on grounds of its weak economy and questionable human rights record.

France to ease Iranian oil embargo

PARIS, Aug 23, (AP): France is preparing to ease its embargo on oil trade with Iran to permit barter agreements, an official at the prime minister's office said today.

The official said that the government has decided to allow barter trade involving oil under certain conditions, but added that the change has not yet been made official.

The official, who is not named under French practice, said she could not provide exact details on the timing of the official announcement, or on technical details.

In July an Iranian delegation visiting Paris suggested a partial lifting of the embargo and a barter arrangement that would allow Tehran to trade oil for sugar, cereals and meat.

The French government requested that domestic oil companies stop importing Iranian oil in August of 1987 after a break in diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Oil industry sources have been speculating that the embargo would be dropped or eased since diplomatic relations were restored in June.

Even if W. Germany raises rates

Dollar expected to stay firm

NEW YORK, Aug 23: The dollar should remain strong this week despite the possibility of further central-bank intervention and the likelihood of higher West German interest rates.

While central banks are seen continuing last week's modest intervention to curb the dollar's strength, currency-market participants will also be watching on Thursday when the Bundesbank central council reconvenes after a four-week summer recess. It has been widely speculated that the German central bank will move to tighten its monetary stance by either raising the 3 per cent discount rate or the 5 per cent Lombard rate, reports the Wall Street Journal.

The discount rate is the interest rate banks must pay on longer-term borrowings from the German central bank using bills as collateral. The Lombard rate is applied to very short-term borrowing using securities as collateral.

In the month prior to the recess, the Bundesbank raised both the discount rate and the

Lombard rate by half a percentage point to their current levels. Also, the key securities repurchase agreements rate was recently ratcheted up to the present 4 1/4 per cent, a rise of a full point in the past two months.

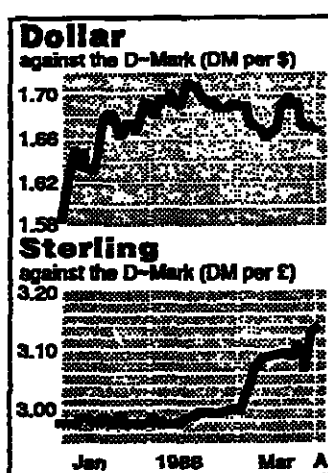
None of the moves has been of much aid to the mark, particularly since the US raised its discount rate by half a point to 6.5 per cent earlier this month.

However, some traders say the dollar could test support at 1.86 Deutsche marks if the Bundesbank takes the aggressive tightening step of a discount-rate increase, but any losses are expected to be short-lived.

Rates
Says Ian Spence, chief dealer for Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co.: "I think the dollar is well supported on its own — it's going to take a lot more than that to knock it down."

Against the yen, the dollar is expected to remain in its recent slim range of Y130 to Y135 this week.

The dollar continues to be bolstered by firmer US interest



rates, expectations for even higher rates and the strong economic performance of the US this year.

"I don't think the market is convinced yet that this is really the peak" for the dollar, says Stephen Leach, a currency analyst for Chemical Bank.

Some traders say the dollar may make a run at DM1.9260 in

coming days, its highest level this year.

"I see the dollar testing recent high levels, but it's not going to be a one-way street — what you have to do is buy dips," says Jerry Egan, senior trader for Bank of Boston.

Participants say those likely slips may very well occur at the hands of the central banks, which have not really discouraged bullish dollar investors with their recent intervention efforts.

Friday, the Fed and the Bundesbank took the foreign-exchange market by surprise when they were seen intervening when the dollar was slightly softer on position-squaring. Those sales followed a round of concerted intervention by US and European central banks. Thursday and dual intervention by the Fed and the Bundesbank on Wednesday.

"It's clear that the central banks are very determined to intervene and keep the dollar from going higher. But no one wants to sell the dollar," Leach says.

Market participants say corporations and institutional funds are among those flocking to the dollar, mainly because of the outlook for higher US interest rates.

The US discount rate increase is seen by many participants as a move that has paved the way for further rate boosts to combat inflationary pressures.

This week's US economic data will probably be monitored for signs of overheating in the economy. Among figures to be unveiled is the July US consumer price index, set for release today.

Economists generally expect the indicator, a closely watched inflation barometer, to post a gain of about 0.4 per cent. A surprisingly high jump in prices for last month could support the argument for higher US interest rates and push up the dollar.

On the New York Commodity Exchange on Friday, gold for current delivery settled at \$431.70 an ounce, down 60 cents from Thursday. Estimated volume was a light 1.7 million ounces.

Trading opportunities gather momentum

Iraq and Iran open trade door for UK firms

LONDON, Aug 23: British companies could take substantial share of the vast trading opportunities which will open up as Iran and Iraq start to repair the ravages of war.

The forecast comes from Middle East trade experts as the international race to grab the new trading opportunities gathers momentum.

Iran has invited British companies to take part in a Tehran trade fair, starting on September 13 reports a London daily.

Although arrangements are being made at short notice — two to three months preparation for trade fairs is the norm — more than 20 British companies are expected to attend. Among them are likely to be electrical generating machinery makers such as Hawker Siddeley and the General Electric Company (GEC).

The Baghdad Fair later in the

year is expected to take about 45 companies to Iraq seeking orders — double the number at the fair last year.

Dennis Cumming, director of the United Kingdom's government-sponsored Committee for Middle East Trade (Comet), said: "With the ending of the war, there will be opportunities for many British concerns. The crucial questions are what priorities the two countries come up with and how much they can afford to do."

Contracts
And Comet's latest report said: "Of all the major supplying countries, the UK is one of the best placed to benefit from future supply and construction contracts."

Like many leading companies, Cumming believes: "British interests are likely to do best in Iraq because of the business links

that have been maintained during the war and help which has been given, including substantial lines of credit. But there has still been significant trading with Iran even though, as with Iraq, it had fallen well below pre-war levels.

British exports to Iraq last year were worth £270 million compared with a pre-war £623 million in 1981. Britain had 10 per cent of the Iraqi market last year.

UK exports to Iran were worth even more at £300 million for 1987, compared with £400 million in 1981.

The first priority for both countries is expected to be restoration of oil production capacity, where damage to industry is believed to have cost Iran \$25 billion (£14.7 billion) and Iraq \$8.2 billion (£4.8 billion).

That could bring benefits to British enterprises, which are mostly offshoots of United States concerns. Bechtel UK, for example, is involved in a big petrochemicals development in Iraq, and Fluor (Great Britain) expects early benefits as the oil production problems are tackled.

British engineering consultants, which have a good track record in the Middle East, have been well represented there in the past year especially in Iraq.

Richard Rothwell, the senior partner at Sir William Halcrow and Partners, one of the biggest consultancies, said: "There are schemes which have been moth-balled. An example is one in which we are involved for the building of the Baghdad metro system."

"We would expect perhaps in a year's time something is likely to

be done about that. We have quite recently been invited to submit proposals for a tunnel at Basra — probably the first swallow from the changed situation."

At WS Atkins, Richard French, the director responsible for transportation engineering, forecast additional work not only in Iran and Iraq but elsewhere in the Gulf, where the effects of the war have held back some schemes.

Two construction companies watching developments closely for possible new business are Costain — which has a 40-year history of work projects in Iran — and Trafalgar House. Both underlined the need to be assured of the safety of personnel before moving into either country. The view was shared by Rayner Woodrow which has had previous work in Baghdad.

Lawson under pressure to tighten policy

Record lending fuels fears for economy

LONDON, Aug 23: Lending by banks and building societies surged to record levels last month. Figures from the Bank of England disclose that the amount of credit made available leapt by £9 billion, beating June's £8.5 billion record.

Other official statistics on Thursday showed that investment by industry is higher than expected, but that unemployment has fallen for the 24th successive month with the number of job vacancies falling in most regions.

The figures all lend weight to fears that the economy is overheating, but the City took them calmly and the FTSE 100 share index rose 3.0 to 1833.9 while the FT 30 index increased 0.9 per cent to 1476.2.

The big high street banks lent £2.7 billion to private sector companies and individuals in July, according to a report published by a UK daily.

Record
But mortgage lending by banks reached a record £1.9 billion and building societies are expected to announce that their lending last month exceeded £5 billion for the first time.

Borrowing by homebuyers to beat the August 1 deadline for

unmarried couples each to claim income tax relief on mortgage interest contributed to the £9 billion increase.

July's money supply figures show that notes and coins in circulation rose 0.9 per cent as consumers continued to spend their budget income tax windfall.

During the year to July, money supply growth fell to seven per cent, from June's 7.7 per cent annual figure, but the growth is still far outside Nigel Lawson's desired target range of one to five per cent.

Productivity
Thursday's figures show the extent of the rapid growth in consumer credit and personal spending, and demonstrate why the Chancellor has increased interest rates by 3 1/2 per cent since June.

But some City economists believe that the credit boom has peaked. They were particularly pleased that the rate of wage inflation has remained at 8.5 per cent for the past six months, despite the growing shortage of available labour.

Productivity is high and output per head in manufacturing companies has increased by more than 7 per cent in the year to June.

There is growing pressure for

Lawson, to tighten fiscal policy in the autumn with what would amount to a mini-Budget, unless there is evidence that the rise in interest rates has curbed the excessive growth of demand.

City economists fear that currency dealers will otherwise turn against sterling after a further one, or at most two, sets of monthly economic statistics.

Sterling weakness would oblige the Bank of England to raise interest rates sharply again to counter the inflationary

impact.

The Treasury and the Bank here the recent rise in interest rates will help halve the growth of demand back to the 3 per cent level they regard as sustainable.

Financial markets face another nervous August week as the trend to higher interest rates spreads round the world and Britain's trade figures display further symptoms of the economy's feverish summer, putting a question mark over the short-term stability of the pound.

Grocery prices push up US inflation

WASHINGTON, Aug 23, (AP): The steepest one-month rise in grocery store prices in 4-1/2 years pushed US consumer prices up 0.4 per cent in July as the effects of the summer-long drought reached consumers, the government said today.

The gain in grocery store prices — 1.4 per cent — was led by a 9.6 per cent jump in egg costs, a 7.4 per cent boost in poultry costs and a 4.7 per cent gain for fresh fruits and vegetables.

July's overall increase, if it persisted for 12 months, would amount to a yearly inflation rate

of 5.2 per cent. The gains in food prices "reflect rising input prices, at least partially due to the adverse summer weather," the department said.

Costs
Food costs overall rose 1.0 per cent for the month as slower advances of 0.5 per cent and 0.4 per cent, respectively, were posted for restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages.

Except for food, the report showed only moderate inflation in July.

Energy prices were up 0.3 per cent, largely due to a 0.7 per cent

increase in gasoline prices. Despite the July increase, gasoline is still slightly cheaper than in December and 28.1 per cent under its peak reached in March 1981.

Excluding food and energy costs, consumer prices rose 0.3 per cent last month, slightly less than the average monthly increase posted in the first half of 1988.

Dropped
Housing costs rose at a 0.3 per cent pace for the sixth straight month as declines in home heating oil and electricity costs offset higher charges for natural gas.

Clothing prices dropped 0.6 per cent after falling 0.3 per cent in June; those prices had risen 3.8 per cent in the first five months of 1988.

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World Business Summary

Qatar starts drilling into world's biggest gas field

BAHRAIN, Aug 23, (Reuters): A drilling rig started boring a hole today to tap the world's largest natural gas reservoir lying under the shallow waters of the Gulf of Qatar. A senior official of the Qatar General Petroleum Corporation (QGPC) said the Danish-owned rig Maersk Victory began drilling down in the North Field 50 miles offshore. The development project, estimated to cost \$1.3 billion, is vital for the Arab emirate's industrial future and carries its hopes for prosperity into the next century. Qatar looks to the field, with estimated reserves of some 350 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, to lift it out of recession after the world oil market crash of 1986. QGPC officials said two production platforms had been erected over the field to reach the gas, trapped between 2,500 and 2,900 metres (8,000 and 9,300 ft) under the seabed. Sixteen production wells will be drilled within the next two years to produce 800 million cubic feet per day of natural gas for local consumption. Industry sources say Qatar is expected to build an aluminium smelter and expand its petrochemical and fertiliser plants. In the second development phase Qatar plans to export gas to neighbouring Gulf states and in the third phase to Japan and Europe. However, oil industry sources say the weak world oil and gas prices make it impossible for Qatar to start exporting any of its North Field output in the foreseeable future.

Price gloom overshadows oil industry get-together

STAVANGER, Norway, Aug 23, (Reuters): Predictions that oil prices are unlikely to show any sharp early rebound from currently depressed levels made for a gloomy start to an annual get-together of world oilmen today. The offshore Northern Seas Trade Fair at Stavanger, a centre of North Sea oil operations, is among major industry gatherings. John Jennings, managing director of the Royal Dutch/Shell group, told colleagues in a speech that prices were unlikely to exceed \$20 a barrel well into the 1990s. "I can't help feeling that oil prices may well stay in the \$10 to \$20 a barrel range until well into the 1990s," he said. And even that required that "OPEC keeps its act together." The organisation is struggling by means of cuts in output to hold prices around \$15. That compares with around \$40 at the end of the seventies, before its high prices stamped the West into conservation and the development of new oil fields, causing a glut. Production outside OPEC showed no signs of slowing, Jennings said, while most OPEC members were producing above assigned quotas or discounting prices. "The consensus between Iran and Iraq — may improve prospects for OPEC cohesion, but seems more likely to add to world supply rather than diminish it," he added. He urged companies drilling for and producing oil to cut costs "and to cut them irreversibly." Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland of Norway, whose country suffers as its North Sea petroleum income is pinched, called on sellers outside OPEC to curb output and support the market. "International co-operation and measures regulating production are necessary," she said. Brundtland also said her Labour government was considering selling some of its stakes in North Sea oil fields. Analysts say it is worried about risk exposure in the oil business with the current uncertain prices outlook. The offshore Northern Seas Trade Fair will last all week and is expected to attract 27,000 visitors, with 775 exhibitors from 17 countries.

Standard Chartered bounces back with £156 million

LONDON, Aug 23: Standard Chartered, long the sick man of the banking sector, surprised the City yesterday with better than expected first-half profits of £156 million and a further delay to its anticipated rights issue. Sir Peter Graham, who hands over the chairmanship to Rodney Galpin in two months, gave no clues to the timing of the issue but admitted he had not asked any of his three major shareholders — the famous "white squire" who saved Standard from the clutches of Lloyd's Bank two years ago — whether they would support the cash call. Sir Peter hinted the call would be in the region of £300 million £50 million less than many estimate as the amount needed to bring Standard up to its stated target equity to assets ratio of 5 per cent. "The issue will bring our ratios back to reasonable levels," said Sir Peter. "But we will not come up to 5 per cent in one bound. Opinion is that the timing of the issue depends as much on the internal problems in Robert Holmes a Court's Bell Group as anything. Holmes a Court, along with other "white squire" Hong Kong financier Sir Yue-Kong Pao and Malaysian businessman Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puan, now controls about a third of Standard's equity. His 15 per cent stake is held by Bell which has been all but taken over by Alan Bond's Bond Corporation. Last week, a Bond spokesman was reported as saying the Standard stake would be sold, but Sir Peter said he had spoken to a senior representative of the Bond Corporation who told him there was no intention to sell the stake. Standard's profits were 48 per cent above last year's, struck before an exceptional charge of £329 million for extra Third World and South African debt provisions. Predictions for the full year have been raised to £310 million.



Reliance Petrochemicals Ltd.

The investors' conference will now be held at the Kuwait Sheraton today, 24th of August, 1988 at 7.00 pm

Invitation cards received by Reliance shareholders for the earlier conference should be presented for entry.

Inconvenience caused is regretted.

Mr P.M. Rao, Reliance representative, will be available at the Kuwait Sheraton from 23rd afternoon to 25th evening and will attend to all your personal queries.

Maersk Line to offer superior service

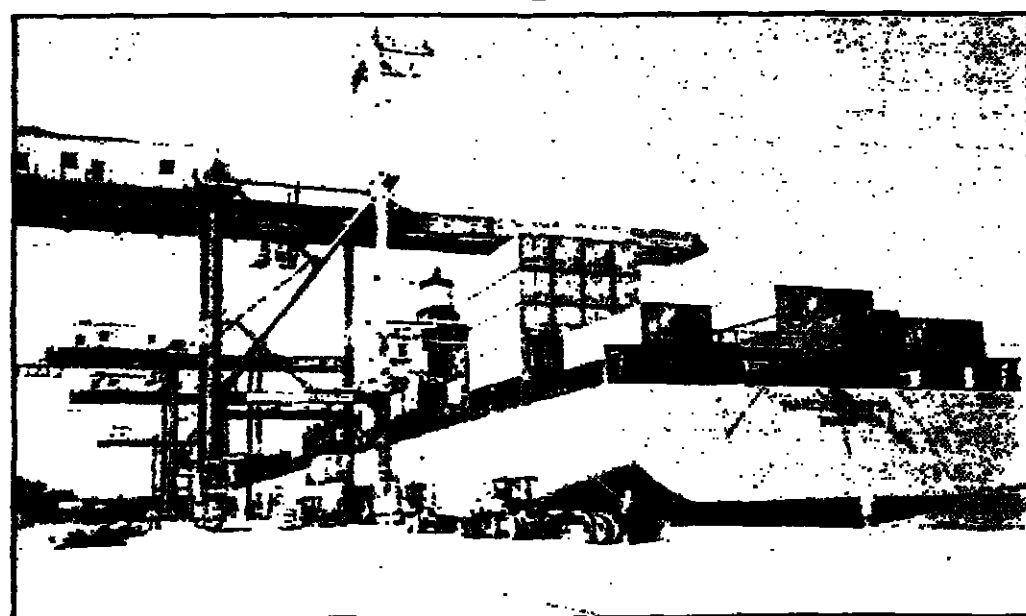
MAERSK Line has developed a new series of container vessels to satisfy the increasing demand for reliable and punctual service.

The first in the series of nine, the M.V. Marchen Maersk has been deployed in Maersk Line's new transatlantic service and is expected to set new standards for the trade.

The vessel has several new features which will enable Maersk Line to offer a superior service in a class by itself, company officials said.

The vessel has a capacity within limits of the Panama Canal and will provide maximum operating flexibility, officials said. Special emphasis has been placed on speed.

The vessel was built at Lindoe, a Danish yard owned by the A.P. Moller group.



Maersk Line celebrates the completion of a new vessel.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	NAME	LAST
ABBEY LIFE	313.0	INCHCAPE	201.0
ADT LTD	157.0	JAGUAR	220.0
ALD LYONS	418.0	LADROCK	69.72
AMSTRAD	218.0	LAND SECS	448.0
ARGYLL GP	182.0	LAPORTE	410.0
ASDA GP	153.0	LASMO	417.0
BAA	270.0	LEGAL-GEN	316.0
BTR	279.0	LONGRO	545.0
BAT INDS	426.0	LUCAS IND	545.0
BATCLAYS	405.0	MAGNET	165.0
BASS	775.0	MARKS-SP	165.0
BEAZER	177.0	MAXWELL C	35.79
BEECHAMS	473.0	METAL BOX	230.0
BERSFORD	376.0	METC	524.0
BICC PLC	347.0	MIDLAND BK	408.0
BLUE ARK	96.0	NEXT	228.5
BLUE CIRC	456.0	NTH FOODS	283.0
BOC GP	402.0	P & O DFD	582.0
BOOTS CO	221.0	PEARL	468.0
BPB INDS	85.00	PEARSON	209.0
BR COMW	33.00	PICKINGTON	163.0
BR AIRWAY	157.5	PLSSEY	314.0
BR AEROSP	511.0	POLLY PEC	314.0
BR GAS RG	181.0	RACAL	411.0
BR LAND	328.0	RANK HVS	411.0
B.P.	47.75	RANK ORG	707.0
B.P. PP	151.0	RECKITT	922.0
BT TELCOM	233.0	REDLAND	416.0
BURMAN OL	219.0	REED	433.0
BURTON	219.0	RYL BK SC	35.00
CABLE&WIR	377.4	RHC GRP	474.0
CADBURYS	379.0	REUTERS	479.0
CADIS VYI	220.0	RTZ CORP.	136.5
COMU INT	360.0	ROLLS ROY	145.0
COMS GOLD	005.00	ROTHMAN B	434.0
COOKSON	282.0	ROYAL INS	393.0
COURTAULD	336.0	SAATCHI	216.0
DALGETY	332.0	SCOT-NEV	358.0
DEE CP	174.0	SEARS	140.0
DIXONS	175.0	SEDEWICK	238.0
ENG CHINA	477.0	SHELL	378.0
ENTER OIL	468.0	SIEBE	304.0
FKI BABCO	129.0	SLOUGH ES	512.0
FERRANTI	94.0	STD-CHART	280.0
GEN ACCIO	897.0	SUN STRESE	30.76
GEN ELEC	158.0	SUN ALLIA	240.0
GLAXO	960.0	TARMAC	260.0
GRANADA	299.0	TATE&LYLE	84.00
GLOBE	140.0	TYLR WOOD	562.0
GLYMED	305.0	TESCO	143.0
GUARD RYL	307.0	T & N	181.0
GUARD MTL	182.0	TRUSTHEE	247.4
GUK	328.0	ULTRAMAR	265.0
GUINNESS	314.0	UNILEVER	443.0
HANSON	142.0	UNIGATE	297.0
HARRISON C	435.4	UTD BISC	285.0
HUKER SDN	515.0	UTD INSPR	60.44
HILLSDOWN	282.0	WATERBURY	300.0
ICI	007.0	WILLIAMS	243.0
		WILLIS FB	243.0
		WIMPEY GE	111.0
		WOOLWORTH	72.72

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	740.0	737.0	BLACK LE 2	15/2	15/4
600 GROUP	110.0	111.0	BLKETT +F	34/0	36/0
A.AMER TS	364.0	361.0	BOASE MAS	243/0	243/0
A.B.ELECT	430.0	428.0	RODDINGTN	163/0	161/0
A.S.W.HLD	180.0	180.0	RODWIN	620.0	615/0
AAB KENT	85.0	85.0	ROTHWICK	389.0	388/0
AAR HLD	272.0	271/0	ROTHWICK	61/0	61/0
AARONSON	118.0	118/0	RR ARROW	107/0	106/0
ADVEST	38.0	37/0	RR ARROW	66/4	66/4
ALEX WUKU	169.0	168/0	RR DREDDI	143/0	142/0
ALEXON	373.0	375.0	RR VITA	237/0	236/0
ALLD COLL	128.0	128/0	BRENT CHE	151/0	150/0
ALLD LON	125/0	125/0	BRENT WKR	389/0	388/0
ALLD PLNT	59/0	60/0	BRIDON	169/0	168/0
ALLIANCE	829/0	823/0	BRITAIN SE	193/0	195/0
AMEC	385/0	383/0	BRITANNIC	357/0	357/0
AMER TST	124/0	123/0	BRIXTON E	325/0	326/0
AMERSHAM	611/0	609/0	BRYANT GP	138/0	140/0
AMT HLTHC	253/0	254/0	BSG INTL	64/0	63/0
ANGLIA TV	178/0	177/0	BSR INTL	91.00	88.00
ANGLO O'S	205/0	204/0	BULLOUGH	473/0	470/0
ANSCHACHER	88/0	88/0	BULMER HP	171/0	168/0
APPLEYARD	491/0	490/0	CAP GROUP	320/0	318/0
APV PLC	119/0	118/0	CARADON	341/0	340/0
ARQUA A.	80/0	80/0	CARLTON C	161/0	160/0
ARAN ENGY	66/0	65/0	CARLTON C	740/0	738/0
ARCHER AJ	154/0	155/0	CASE GRP	125.0	125.0
ARLINGTON	175/0	175/0	CATER ALL	354/0	353/0
ARMSTRONG	123/0	122/0	CATTLE HD	67/0	67/0
ASHLEY LA	118/0	118/0	CAULDON	12/4	12/0
ATLANTIC CM	495.0	493.0	CENL TV	543/0	541/0
ATWODDS	288/0	288/0	CHAM PHRR	156/0	156/0
AUS REE A	283/0	283/0	CHARTERNA	23/4	23/4
AUTO SECS	269.0	267.0	CHAS CHUR	113/0	114/0
AVDEL PLC	61/4	62/0	CHLORIDE	55/0	55/0
AVIS EUR	359/0	358/0	CHRISTIES	535/0	535/0
AVIS RUBB	728/0	727/0	CI GROUP	46/0	47/0
B.WEMILL	182/0	181/0	CNTRL SEC	58/0	59/0
BAILL JAP	482/0	478/0	CNTRY OIL	173/0	172/0
BAILL SHI	81/0	81/0	COATES BR	328/0	327/0
BAIRD (W)	277/0	277/0	COLLINS A	484/0	488/0
BANK IRE	237/0	238/0	COLLINS V	579/0	578/0
BANKER IT	71/0	71/0	COLLOROLL	193/0	192/0
BARKER DO	141/0	141/0	CONNELLS	305/0	303/0
BARKER DEV	184/0	183/0	COSTAIN	312/0	310/0
BAYNES C.	31/0	31/0	COURTS A	283/0	280/0
BBA GROUP	177/0	177/0	COURTS FR	410/0	405/0
BEAR B.VI	3/4	3/0	CPU COMPH	62/0	63/0
BEAR BRND	9/0	9/0	CREST NIK	218/0	218/0
BEATTIE J	153/0	152/0	CRH	136/0	137/0
BEJAM GP	167/0	165/0	CRH INT	203/0	203/0
BELHAVEN	65/0	65/0	CRYSTALAT	155/0	155/0
BELLWAY	234/0	235/0	CITY PROP	295/0	295/0
BENROSE	119/0	120/0	DARES EST	32/0	32/0
BENLOX HD	49/0	49/0	DAYS GPD	167.0	165.0
BERKELEY	308/0	307/0	DAVY CORP	149/0	149/0
BHAM MINT	410/0	408/0	DE LA RUE	476/0	475/0
BHN GROUP	111/0	111/0	DELTA GRP	302/0	301/0
BK OF SCO	374/0	374/0	DEWIS	339/0	338/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1466.1	1477.2	1484.5	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	0	1046.0	1046.2	957.6
FT ALL SHR	0	955.85	961.62	870.22
FT GSEC	0	87.82	87.96	88.49
FT GOLD NW	0	194.8	193.3	302.1
FT NINES F	0	533.15	536.39	450.65
FT OIL	0	179.73	1803.6	1663.6
FT WLD DLR	124.28	125.75	126.63	115.04
FT WLD STG	109.91	109.54	109.66	90.79
FT WLD LOC	0	115.56	115.48	99.08

London Stock Market Report

UK EQUITIES FALL, BUT ABOVE LOWS IN LATE TRADING. LONDON, AUG 23, REUTER - EQUITY PRICES STOOD SLIGHTLY ABOVE THEIR MIDDAY LOWS BUT INVESTORS WERE VERY NERVOUS AFTER A SHAKY OPENING ON WALL STREET, DEALERS SAID.

PRICES FELL TO THEIR LOWS AFTER NEWS THAT U.K. SECOND QUARTER GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) GREW BY 1.3 PCT, FOR A YEAR-ON-YEAR INCREASE OF 5.2 PCT, SLIGHTLY ABOVE EXPECTATIONS. HOWEVER, A SMALL EARLY GAIN ON WALL STREET IN THE WAKE OF A MUCH AS EXPECTED RISE IN EQUITY PRICES LIMITED THE FALL AND THE FTSE 100 INDEX RECOVERED A COUPLE OF POINTS.

AT 1430 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 16.5 POINTS LOWER AT 1,815.8 AFTER TOUCHING A LOW OF 1,813.2 AT 1050 GMT.

VOLUME WAS AGAIN VERY LOW AMID FEARS OF A FURTHER INCREASE IN THE COST OF BORROWING DUE TO THE STRONG ECONOMY. BY 1400 GMT ONLY 244 M LN LEADING SHARES HAD TRADED.

"THIS LOW VOLUME IS VERY WORRYING FOR US EQUITY TRADERS AND SALES PEOPLE... I CAN SEE ANOTHER ROUND OF REDUNDANCIES VERY SOON UNLESS OUR CLIENTS DECIDE TO COMMIT MORE OF THEIR FUNDS TO EQUITIES," ONE EQUITY TRADER SAID.

BUT DESPITE CONCERN OVER DECLINING INSTITUTIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE MARKET, MANY ANALYSTS THINK THE LARGE INSTITUTIONS REMAIN COMMITTED TO EQUITIES BECAUSE OF THE HIGH LEVEL OF CORPORATE EARNINGS AND RELATIVELY HIGH DIVIDEND YIELDS.

London Gold

LONDON, AUG 23, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PRICES WERE LITTLE CHANGED IN LONDON TRADING AS INFLATIONARY FEARS CALMED AND PLATINUM, WHICH LED ALL THE PRECIOUS METALS HIGHER YESTERDAY, LOST SOME OF ITS GAINS, DEALERS SAID.

GOLD CLOSED IN LONDON AT 432.50/433.00 DLR AN OUNCE, 50 CENTS UP FROM YESTERDAY AND IN LINE WITH NEW YORK COMEX WHICH WAS TRADING AT ABOUT 433 DLR BASIS AUG.

PRECIOUS METALS APPEARED TO DISCOUNT A 0.4 PCT JULY RISE IN U.S. CONSUMER PRICES, WHICH WAS IN LINE WITH EXPECTATIONS. THIS ALLAYED SOME FEARS OF HIGHER PRICES, AND DISCOURAGED TRADERS FROM BUYING PRECIOUS METALS, WHICH OFTEN RISE AMID INFLATION.

London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 23, REUTER - MONEY RATES WERE MOSTLY FIRMER BUT OFF THE HIGHS IN LATE TRADING AS CENTRAL BANK INTERVENTION AGAINST THE DOLLAR HELPED STEADY STERLING BUT THE MARKET REMAINS HIGHLY NERVOUS AS THURSDAY'S U.K. TRADE DATA LOOMS CLOSER.

DEALERS SAID CONCERN THAT THE UNEASE OVER THE TRADE DEFICIT COULD ERODE STERLING FURTHER AND FORCE A RISE IN BASE RATES, HAVE NOT YET ABATED. HOWEVER, MOST THOUGHT THE AUTHORITIES' INACTION SO FAR, WHEN MONEY RATES HAVE CLEARLY BEEN DISCOUNTING SUCH A RISE, MEANT THEY WOULD AT LEAST WAIT FOR THE DATA FIRST.

THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE WAS UNMOVED AT 11-5/8 1/2 AFTER HITTING 11-11/16 9/16 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	FIX
DLR	1.6820/30	1.9045/55	6.4600/25	FIX
STG	1.6845/55	3.2095/2130	10.8855/8990	MID
DMK	1.9017/9097	3.2032/217	29.400/560	FIX
FFR	6.4625/4745	10.8715/8895	338.80/9.44	FIX
SFR	1.6025/6035	2.6986/7019	84.08/17	FIX
HFL	2.1530	3.6225	112.885	FIX
ECU	1.09027	64.8892	7.05621	CLSE
SDR	1.28488	0.761636	2.45823	CLSE
YEN	133.82/92	225.41/73		NOON
SDR RATES	22/08/1988	OTHERS	23/08/1988	

BLK LE 2	15/2	15/4	HESTAIR	320/0	320/0	SAVOY *A*	890/0	885/0
BLKETT +F	34/0	36/0	HEYWOOD W	282/0	282/0	SCHRR. GLOB	220/0	218/0
BOASE MAS	243/0	243/0	HICKSIN LN	224/0	223/0	SCOT HRI	197/0	197/0
RODDINGTN	163/0	161/0	HIGGS HIL	368/0	368/0	SCOT T. I.	124/0	123/0
RODWIN	620/0	615/0	HMBRO CTY	85/0	85/0	SCOT NET	134/0	134/0
ROTHWICK	389/0	388/0	HMBRO ZOP	243/0	244/0	SCOT NORT	99/0	98/0
ROTHWICK	61/0	61/0	HNBRO SPHR	182/0	183/0	SCOT. AM. I	86/4	86/0
RR ARROW	107/0	106/0	HOGG GARD	165/0	165/0	SCT NAT A	29/0	29/0
RR ARROW	66/4	66/4	HOLMES PR	114/0	114/0	SCT NAT I	92/0	92/0
RR DREDDI	143/0	142/0	HOPKINSON	102/0	101/0	SCT NAT W	6/0	6/0
RR VITA	237/0	236/0	HOTV GROUP	224/0	221/0	SECS TST	104/0	103/0
BRENT CHE	151/0	150/0	ICE.FZ.FD	355/0	356/0	SENIOR EN	60/0	60/0
BRENT WKR	389/0	388/0	IMRY M.DV	398/0	397/0	SIMERATON S	78/0	78/0
BRIDON	169/0	168/0	INDPNDT W	13/0	13/0	SIMON ENG	287/0	285/0
BRITAIN SE	193/0	195/0	INT.BU.COM	125/0	126/0	SINGER&R	81/0	81/0
BRITANNIC	357/0	357/0	INT.CITY	133/0	132/0	STAKIS	101/0	101/0
BRIXTON E	325/0	326/0	INVERGORD	296.0	292.0	STEETLEY	340/0	340/0
BRYANT GP	138/0	140/0	JHNSNFR	41/4	41/4	STEETLY N	328/0	326/0
BSG INTL	64/0	63/0	JOS HLDGS	167/0	168/0	STEND PR	171/0	171/0
BSR INTL	91.00	88.00	KALAMAZOO	53/0	53/0	STORMGUAR	15/4	15/4
BULLOUGH	473/0	470/0	KALON GRP	38/0	38/0	STURGE HD	249/0	247/0
BULMER HP	171/0	168/0	KELT ENGY	48/0	47/0	T. TEES TV	321/0	321/0
CAP GROUP	320/0	318/0	KETSON	81/0	80/0	TELEMETRX	55/0	55/0
CARADON	341/0	340/0	KLWRT O'S	122/0	122/0	TELETRNS	235/0	235/0
CARLTON C	161/0	160/0	KLVK SAE	364/0	363/0	TEMPLE BA	214/0	212/0
CARLTON C	740/0	738/0	KLVK-FIT	107/0	107/0	THAMES TV	356/0	355/0
CASE GRP	125.0	125.0	LAING 'A'	310/0	310/0	THERMAL S	15/10	15/10
CATER ALL	354/0	353/0	LAING ORD	310/0	310/0	THOMSON S	82/0	81/0
CATTLE HD	67/0	67/0	LAING PRP	526/0	525/0	THORNTON S	132/0	131/0
CAULDON	12/4	12/0	LAIRD GRP	267/0	266/0	THROGHTN	398/0	396/0
CENL TV	543/0	541/0	LANDLEISU	394/0	393/0	TI GROUP	351/0	348/0
CHAM PHRR	156/0	156/0	LAURANCE W	168/0	167/0	TIME ROCK	220/0	220/0
CHARTERNA	23/4	23/4	LDN & MET	278/0	277/0	TIME ROAD	232/0	220/0
CHAS CHUR	113/0	114/0	LDN SHPL	255/0	253/0	TOKINS F	232/0	231/0
CHLORIDE	55/0	55/0	LDN INTL	242/0	242/0	TOOTAL	110/0	110/0
CHRISTIES	535/0	535/0	LDN UTD	159/0	158/0	TOZER KEM	101/0	101/0
CI GROUP	46/0	47/0	LDN UTD	141/0	141/0	TR CITY	72/4	71/4
CNTRL SEC	58/0	59/0	LEX SERV	397/0	396/0	TR INDUST	115/1	115/0
CNTRY OIL	173/0	172/0	LIFE SCIE	55/0	55/0	TR PACIFIC	59/0	58/0
COATES BR	328/0	327/0	LILLEY FJ	54/4	54/0	TR PROPTY	51/0	50/0
COLLINS A	484/0	488/0	LIT	29/0	29/0	TR TRSTEE	124/4	123/0
COLLINS V	579/0	578/0	LOCAL LDN	510/0	505/0	TRAMROAD	19/0	19/0
COLLOROLL	193/0	192/0	LOGICA	356/0	355/0	TRAVISGAR	361/0	362/0
CONNELLS	305/0	303/0	LOW (WM)	636/0	635/0	TRINCOO	47/4	47/0
COSTAIN	312/0	310/0	LOWBOMBER	212/0	213/0	TRIPLEX	183/0	182/0
COURTS A	283/0	280/0	LOWES	103/0	102/0	TRITON ER	177/0	175/0
COURTS FR	410/0	405/0	M&G GROUP	372/0	372/0	TRWOOD W	6/0	6/0
CPU COMPH	62/0	63/0	M.C.PACIF	178/0	178/0	TRSPND DV	228/0	227/0
CREST NIK	218/0	218/0	NACARTHY	237/0	237/0	TURNITTE	334/0	334/0
CRH	136/0	137/0	NAI	93/0	93/0	TVS HLD	64/0	63/0
CRH INT	203/0	203/0	MAJEDIE	202/0	201/0	TVS ENTER	308/0	307/0
CRYSTALAT	155/0	155/0	MANDERS	199/0	198/0	TWYDALD	135/0	135/0
CITY PROP	295/0	295/0	MARLEY	168/0	166/0	U-BORLAD	109/0	112/0
DARES EST	32/	32/0	MARSHALLS	244/0	243/0	U-BRD ST	43/0	44/0
DAVIS GP	167/0	165/0	MATTHEWS	82/0	82/0	U-BROADWL	199/0	198/0
DAVY CORP	149/0	149/0	MAUNDERS	115/0	115/0	U-CIFER	15/0	15/0
DE LA RUE	476/0	475/0	MCKECHNIE	323/0	321/0	U-CITYVSN	82/0	81/0
DELTA GRP	302/0	301/0	MEMEC	245/0	245/0	U-DEWEY W	125/0	125/0
DEVENISH	339/0	338/0	HENZIES	343/0	345/0	U-ELDRGE	528/0	530/0
DEWY GRP	213/0	212/0	MERCH. INT	149/0	148/0	U-EXPLAUD	46/4	46/0
DORRATON C	448/4	446/0	MERLIN IN	122/0	121/0	U-FIELDS	52/0	51/0
DURON	464/0	463/0	METAL CLS	192/0	193/0	U-FLOYD E	25/0	25/0
DURONNWH	80/0	80/0	METAL CRK	92/0	91/0	U-FRD SEL	113/0	114/0
DUNN HILL	294/0	293/0	MOSBY	208/0	208/0	U-HUGH. HT	104/0	103/0
EAGLE ST	15/0	15/0	MORGAN CF	262/0	262/0	U-HUGHES	91/0	90/0
ELECTRO	148/0	147/0	MORGAN GF	314/0	314/0	U-ISRAEL	24/2	24/4
ELECTROCH	210/0	208/0	MOUNTLEIG	663/0	650/0	U-KUNICK	43/4	44/0
ELNIS EVA	190/0	189/0	MOUNTLEIG	143/0	143/0	U-LDM FRF	172/4	175/0
EMANAP	214/0	212/0	MOWLEN J	371/0	370/0	U-LDM HRS	8/0	8/0
EMPIRE ST	255/0	255/0	MRRY INCM	180/0	179/4	U-LNCH	6/0	6/0
ERA GROUP	89/0	88/0	MRRY INTL	181/0	180/0	U-MCROWT	42/0	42/0
EURO. HOME	326/0	329/0	MS INTL	116/0	115/0	U-MOLHAR	46/0	46/0
EURO.ROTH	382/0	380/0	NAT. TELCOM	144/0	144/0	U-MRRTYDN	365/0	365/0
EURNTHL TV	313/0	311/0	NEWARTHUR	650/0	650/0	U-PAYDON	9/0	8/4
EXPANET	205/0	205/0	NORCROS	368/0	366/0	U-RDSMTH	182/0	181/0
EC ENTER	28/4	29/0	NORFOLK C	29/4	29/4	U-SAC INT	101/0	103/0
EC EURO	210/0	210/0	NORHAMS	61/0	61/0	U-SELECTV	18/0	18/0
EC PACIF	138/0	138/0	NORTHAMBR	380/0	382/0	U-STH BSN	352/0	350/0
EC SMLLR	71/0	71/0	NORTH OFX	136/0	136/0	U-STHPOHE	275/0	275/0
ELCON	101/0	101/0	NSH PLK	97/0	96/0	U-T.V. AM	159/0	157/0
ELNELL E	152/0	153/0	O'SEAS INT	170/0	163/0	U-TSB C I	150/0	150/0
EL. HOUSN	294/0	295/0	OCEAN TPT	259/0	258/0	U-UTG GRP	201/0	200/0
ENNER JH	165/0	165/0	OCEANICS	20/0	20/0	U-WAYNE K	98/0	99.0
ERGUSON	272/0	273/0	OSSORY EST	21/4	21/4	U-WMS LEI	68/0	68/0
ERINLAN GP	95/0	93/0	OWNERS AB	74/0	74/0	U-XYKO GP	75/0	75/0
ERINLAN GP	95/0	93/0	OXFORD INS	249/0	250/0	U.Y.E.I.	401/0	401/0
ERINLAN GP	283/0	282/0	P & P WTS	60/0	58/0	U-YENTER	175/0	176/0
ERINLAN GP	117/4	117/0	P & P PLC	228/0	229/0	UNDERWOOD	116/0	114/0
ERINLAN GP	180/0	180/0	PACIFIC A	134/0	131/0	UNION DIS	543/0	543/0
ERINLAN GP	138/0	138/0	PAGE (M)	52/0	53/0	UNITECH	215/0	215/0
ERINLAN GP	207/0	206/0	PENTLAND	124/0	124/0	UTD. INDUS	60/0	60/0
ERINLAN GP	177/4	176/0	PLEASURAM	245/0	258/0	UTD. SCIENT	192/0	193/0
ERINLAN GP	182/0	182/0	PRESTIEST	129/0	130/0	VALUEINTE	55/0	55/0
ERINLAN GP	104/0	103/4	PRIEST (B)	22/2	22/0	VALUX GPR	708/0	710/0
ERINLAN GP	160/0	160/0	PRIEST MA	393/0	393/0	VERSON	23/0	23/0
ERINLAN GP	257/0	258/0	PROFSECUR	166/0	167/0	VG INCKST	352/0	350/0
ERINLAN GP	69/0	69/0	PROFPOFT	263/0	263/0	VIGMST	176/0	175/0
ERINLAN GP	53/0	52/0	PROF FINL	347/0	343/0	VIRGIN GP	128/0	128/0
ERINLAN GP	262/0	261/0	RATHERS	250/0	256/0	VPI GROUP	314/0	310/0
ERINLAN GP	138/0	138/0	RECHAM EV	96/0	96/0	WAGON HOD	315/0	315/0
ERINLAN GP	213/0	212/0	REFUGEE GP	467/0	465/0	WAGON HDS	154/0	153/0
ERINLAN GP	54/0	53/0	REGALION	169/0	169/0	WATLEY ST	94/0	94/0
ERINLAN GP	282/0	283/0	RENISHAW	185/0	185/0	WATLEY ST	98/0	98/0
ERINLAN GP	249/0	239/0	RENOULD	65/4	65/0	WATERFORD	61/0	61/0
ERINLAN GP	419/0	419/0	RENTOKIL	208/0	206/0	WATTS CITY	173/0	173/0
ERINLAN GP	47/0	46/0	RIT CP.LA	78/0	78/0	WATTS B&B	313/0	313/0
ERINLAN GP	350/0	350/0	ROBINSON	403/0	403/0	WCRS GRP	228/0	227/0
ERINLAN GP	123/0	123/0	ROCKFORT	130/0	130/0	MELLMAN	44/0	43/0
ERINLAN GP	690/0	700/0	ROMNEY	359/0	356/0	MENBURY	122/0	122/0
ERINLAN GP	125/0	125/0	ROSEHAGH	725/0	725/0	WESTBURY	238/0	238/0
ERINLAN GP	230/0	229/0	ROTHSCHLD	143/0	144/0	WESTLAND	110/0	110/0
ERINLAN GP	116/0	116/0	ROTOROK	174/0	175/0	WHEWY	89/0	89/0
ERINLAN GP	144/0	144/0	RUBERTOR	254/0	254/0	WIDNEY	34/0	35/0
ERINLAN GP	182/0	183/0	RUGBY TR	129/0	127/0	WLKER GRN	118/0	118/0
ERINLAN GP	216/0	216/0	RULYNT	43/0	43/0	WLSON BOW	246/0	246/0
ERINLAN GP	634/0	636/0	RYAN INTL	133/0	136/0	WLSON CON	185/0	185/0
ERINLAN GP	242/0	242/0	SALES PRP	275/0	275/0	WOLSELEY	268/0	267/0
ERINLAN GP	242/0	242/0	SALVENSE	173/0	174/0	WOLVEDO	620/0	623/0
ERINLAN GP	38/0	38/0	SAVILLE G	53/0	53/0	WUP MOTOR	612/0	611/0
ERINLAN GP	263/0	263/0	SAVILLS	129/0	128/0	WALEY	443/0	443/0
ERINLAN GP	263/0	263/0				YORK CHEN	239/0	236/0
ERINLAN GP	263/0	263/0				YORKSWAY	239/0	236/0

International Bond Highlights

International Bond Highlights 1515 GMT Aug
LONDON — IBI Finance Co NV is issuing a 300 mln dir Eurobond due September 21, 1992 paying 9-5/8 pct and priced at 101.45 pct, lead manager IBI International Ltd said. (RTTU 0754)
London — Sumitomo Bank capital markets is issuing a 150 mln dir Eurobond due September 28, 1992 paying 9-5/8 pct and priced at 101.35 pct, lead manager Goldman Sachs International Corp said. (RTTU 0831)
Amsterdam — NV Bank Voor Nederlandsche Gemeenten, the bank for Dutch municipalities, said it issued a 6.75 pct, 10-year, 300 mln guilders bullet bond priced at 99.50 for an effective yield of 6.82 pct. (RTTU 0758)
London — Royal Trustee Corp is issuing a 50 mln US dir straight Eurobond which will be fungible with a previous 100 mln dir bond launched by Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Ltd, lead manager Merrill Lynch capital markets said. (RTTG 1428)
Zurich — Swiss utility Electricite d'Emment SA is issuing a 100 mln Swiss franc, 4-1/2 pct bond with a maximum maturity of 10 years and priced at 99-1/2 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTTU 0853)
Amsterdam — Dutch chemical group AKZO NV is launching a 60 mln Canadian dir, three-year bond, carrying an 11 pct coupon and priced at 101-3/8, lead manager Amro Bank said. (RTWG 1025)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 10-1/4 10	11-1/16 10-15/	11-5/8 1/2
FF 4.95/5.00	5.15/20	5.35/45
PAR 7-7/16 9/16	7-1/2 5/8	7-3/4 7/8
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	2-7/8 3-1/8	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRE 7.45	6-13/16 15/16	7-3/16 5/16
ROM 9-7/8 10-3/8	10-5/8 11-1/8	11-1/2
AMS 5-3/8 5-5/8	5-3/8 5-1/2	5-9/16 5-11/16
TOK 3.6250 6875	3.6250 6875	4.0625 1250
EDI 6.87 7.12	7.18 7.31	7.50 7.62

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6	6-5/16
3 months	6-3/16	6-7/16
6 months	6-1/4	6-1/2
1 year	6-1/4	6-9/16

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	53.50	53	53.50	NICO	580	565	575
				GMFC	47.50	46.50	46.50	MUKAND	87.50	89	88.50
C	231	228	227	GRASIN	104.25	140.50	103.50	NOCIL	500	507.50	502.50
IA PAINT	162.50	161.25	162.50	GSFC	144	144	144.50	OKRAY	23.50	22.25	23
JAJ AUTO	265	262.50	262.50	HIND LEVER	68.25	67.50	67.75	PEICO	29.50	28	29
R.RAYON	235	232.50	235	HINDALCO	97.50	98	97	PFIZER	54	54.50	54
M.DYING	-- 111.50	112	112	HINDCOCCA	80	77	78	PRE.AUTO	31.50	31.50	30.50
BOND	85	84	85	HINDMOTR	27.50	26.25	26	RAYMOND	51.75	51.50	52.50
E INDEX	598.49	599.22	IND ORG	28	26	27	RELIANCE	199	199	200	
NTURSPG	922.50	925	912.50	INDORAY	66.75	66.75	66	SIEMENS	70	69	71
LGATE	222.50	220	220	INDROL	153.75	150	150	SPIC	49.75	48.50	48.25
REPAPERT	37.50	37.50	37	ITC	40.50	40.50	38.50	STONWILLS	240	235	240
HOTEL	50	49	50	JKSYNTH	70.25	70	68.75	TATA PWR	227.50	222.25	217.50
KATEF	120	118.75	118.75	L AND T	115.50	110.50	110.50	TATACHEN	73	73.50	73
ISAR	17.25	17.25	20.50	MAHINDRA	58.50	57.50	57	TELECO	673.75	670	665
UR POLY	75.50	75	74	MAHESHR	10.37	10.12	10.25	TISCO	825	822.50	813.75
E.SHIP	28	27.75	27.85	MATHER PL	50	49	50	VOLTAS	342.50	335	335

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
LIANZ VR	202.4	202.4
DEMERY	1500.0	1500.0
YER	179.0	180.0
YER RYP	258.1	261.9
YER VER	289.3	294.4
YER VER	321.5	325.5
YER VER	323.5	326.0
YER VER	302.0	303.0
YER VER	405.5	409.0
YER VER	482.0	485.0
YER VER	220.7	222.0
YER VER	238.7	241.8
YER VER	650.0	656.5
YER VER	453.5	457.3
YER VER	367.0	361.2
YER VER	251.5	253.0
YER VER	170.5	176.0
YER VER	477.12	482.47
YER VER	270.0	273.0
YER VER	288.2	291.0
YER VER	428.0	428.0
YER VER	278.0	281.0
YER VER	155.5	158.0
YER VER	189.0	194.0
YER VER	409.0	414.0
YER VER	163.0	166.0
YER VER	395.4	400.0
YER VER	337.0	343.0
YER VER	138.5	140.5
YER VER	0	101.00
YER VER	685.0	689.0
YER VER	132.0	134.5
YER VER	199.0	203.9
YER VER	170.8	176.0
YER VER	512.0	519.0
YER VER	291.0	297.5
YER VER	428.0	432.0
YER VER	57.20	59.00
YER VER	601.0	599.5
YER VER	552.0	559.0
YER VER	172.0	173.0
YER VER	214.8	215.7
YER VER	278.0	290.0
YER VER	229.5	231.0
YER VER	212.0	214.5
YER VER	251.0	253.0
YER VER	501.0	505.0
YER VER	283.0	287.0
YER VER	423.0	428.0
YER VER	149.7	152.0
YER VER	277.0	280.0
YER VER	253.2	257.2
YER VER	159.5	159.5
YER VER	250.5	252.5

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
TUNNEL	15.00	15.10
UNG K	7.15	7.15
NA GAS	16.30	16.30
NA L-P	15.90	16.20
NA MTR	21.10	21.20
NO PROP	3.47	3.47
RO IND	.46	.47
EAST C	.77	.77
ORIENT	0	44.00
DEVELP	9.55	9.55
INDEX	532.13	564.14
1 LING	4.90	4.95
1 SENG	28.70	29.30
PAR BR	9.72	9.72
ELC CO	7.05	7.10
OMALCO	7.85	7.85
AND CO	8.10	8.30
SIAM BK	6.15	6.20
SIAM HT	4.80	4.80
ELC CO	5.45	5.55
SIAM PAC	8.55	8.75
ER PAC	11.50	11.70
IND N	12.90	13.10
IND N	9.10	9.20
WORLD	10.80	10.90
Y CON	2.77	2.87
Y CON	7.15	7.15
Y CON	1.94	1.98
Y CON	9.95	10.00
Y CON	2.15	2.17
Y CON	2.80	2.85
Y CON	17.90	18.30
Y CON	12.90	12.90
Y CON	3.50	3.55
Y CON	1.55	1.56
Y CON	0	7.25
Y CON	0	1.15
Y CON	3.80	3.82

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AIJIMOTO	2870	2880
AKAI ELEC	611	610
AKAI	925	928
ASAHI GLS	1860	1870
ASAHI OPT	685	690
BANK TOKYO	1560	1570
BRIDGESTON	1310	1320
CANON	1570	1600
CASIO COMP	1520	1510
CHUGAI PHM	1530	1540
CITIZEN W	825	840
D-ICHI CAN	2940	2950
DAI NIP IC	791	798
DAI NIP PT	2590	2610
DAI NIP SC	1090	1090
DAI NIP TO	673	675
DAICEL	863	875
DAIWA H	2080	2110
DAIWA SEC	2310	2380
DAIWA MFG	990	950
EISAI	2010	2020
FUJITSU	1890	1930
FUJII PHOTO	3150	3180
FUJII PHOTO	3850	3770
FUJISAWA	1750	1750
FUJITA CP	705	710
HITACHI	1820	1850
HONDA MOT	2280	2300
ISOTAN	2300	2300
ITO YOKADO	4350	4290
JAP SYN RU	1200	1250
JAPAN AIR	14900	14800
JAPAN MET	645	636
KAIJIMA	1410	1390
KANSAI EL	3070	3080
KAO SOAP	1700	1720
KAMASAKI H	660	673
KAMASAKI S	748	769
KIRIN BREW	1920	1920
KOMATSU	770	777
KUBOTA LTD	756	775
KYOCERA	5860	5900
MAKITA EL	1670	1690
MARUI	3020	3020
NATSUTA EI	2760	2820
NATSUTA EL	0	2660
HEIJI SEIK	925	925
HITSUB CP	1130	1130
HITSUB EL	963	970
HITSUB EST	2410	2430
HITSUBI CO	875	875
HITSUKOSHI	1890	1880
HITSUMI EL	1100	1080
HITACHI	1390	1390
NIHON CHMT	803	811
NIKKO SEC	1830	1870
NIP ELEC	2150	2210
NIP KKKAN	681	687
NIP OIL	1070	1080
NIP STEEL	719	727
NIP YUSEN	740	753
NIS MOTOR	1180	1190
NOMURA SEC	3700	3690
OHBA CO	961	985
OLYMPUS	1120	1130
PENTA OCN	861	876
PIONEER	3740	3740
REKON	938	930
RICOH	1320	1340
SANKYO	2050	2060
SANYO ELEC	723	720
SEIYU ST	2270	2250
SEKISUI PB	1680	1730
SHARP	1220	1240
SHISEIDO	1680	1680
SONY	6910	7050
SUMITOMO	1030	1030
TAISEI	890	891
TAISHO NRN	1090	1060
TAKEDA CH	2610	2610
TEI LIN	763	769
TOKIO NEW IX	183.54	197.37
TOKIO NRN	2000	1980
TOKYO ELEC	1270	1300
TOKYO GAS	1300	1310
TOKYO POWR	5780	5800
TORAY IN	828	835
TOSHIBA EL	1140	1170
TOTO	2090	2100
TOYO KKOYI	683	683
TOYOTA MOT	2790	2820
YAMAHA	1400	1410
YAMAICHI	1830	1830
YAMAMUCHI	4000	4050
YAMAZAKI	1480	1490

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE DOWN IN DULL TRADE
TOKYO, AUG 23, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED LOWER WITH NO FRESH BULLISH NEWS AND A NUMBER OF CONCERNS PARALYZING THE MARKET AND KEEPING IT DOWN, BROKERS SAID.
"WE'RE BASICALLY DEALING WITH A LOT OF NERVOUS PEOPLE. THERE IS NO REASON TO BE CONFIDENT SO THE MARKET IS COMING OFF," SAID PAUL MIGLIORATO, A BROKER AT JARDINE FLEMING SECURITIES LTD.
THE NIKKEI INDEX FELL 159.23 POINTS, OR 0.57 PCT, TO 27,919.95. IT LOST 130.24 POINTS ON MONDAY. FALLS LED RISES BY 2.3 TO ONE IN DULL TURNOVER OF 500 MLN SHARES AGAINST 600 MLN SHARES.
SECURITIES HOUSE, BANK, REAL ESTATE, PHARMACEUTICAL, ELECTRICAL, TRUCKING, SHIPBUILDING, SERVICE, COMMUNICATIONS AND SOME MANUFACTURING SHARES LED THE FALL.
THE ONLY RISING SECTORS WERE CREDIT/LEASE, MINING, OIL, ROLLING STOCK, RUBBER, TEXTILE AND NON-LIFE INSURANCE.
A SHARP 26-POINT DROP IN WALL STREET PRICES OVERNIGHT TO BELOW THE 2,000-POINT LEVEL DISCOURAGED INVESTORS HERE.
"I THINK THE MAIN REASON (FOR THE TOKYO DECLINE) IS PROBABLY THAT THE DIRECTION OF CURRENCY, INFLATION AND INTEREST RATES IS NOT CLEAR," SAID HANK SAHA, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AT PRUDENTIAL-BACH SECURITIES (JAPAN) LTD.
INVESTORS ARE WAITING FOR POSSIBLE UPCOMING SIGNALS TO CLARIFY CONCERNS OVER HIGHER INTEREST RATES.
ONE SUCH SIGNAL IS THE JULY U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX DUE OUT AT 1230 GMT. THE MARKET EXPECTS A RISE OF BETWEEN 0.4 AND 0.6 PCT, HIGHER THAN JUNE'S 0.3 PCT, WHICH COULD INDICATE FURTHER INFLATION AND SPUR FURTHER RISES IN U.S. INTEREST RATES AFTER A RECENT HIKE IN THE DISCOUNT RATE.
THIS COULD PUT UPWARD PRESSURE ON RATES WORLDWIDE.
ANOTHER WORRY IS THAT GERMANY MIGHT DECIDE TO RAISE KEY RATES AT A BUNDESBANK COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY, BROKERS SAID.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, AUG 23, REUTER - SHARE PRICES FINISHED LOWER AFTER A DAY OF NERVOUS TRADING FOLLOWING WALL STREET'S WEAK PERFORMANCE, BUT REBOUNDED FROM EARLIER LOSSES, BROKERS SAID.
THE HANG SENG INDEX CLOSED 32.01 DOWN AT 2,532.13 AND THE HONG KONG INDEX DROPPED 20.07 TO 1,672.24. TURNOVER WAS 521.05 MLN H.K. DLRS.
"THERE IS NERVOUSNESS ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE U.S. BETWEEN NOW AND THE ELECTIONS," A BROKER AT A U.S. HOUSE BROKER SAID. "THERE WAS STRONG BUYING SUPPORT AT 2,520. IT WAS MAINLY LOCAL TRADERS, THE SIZE OF THE TRANSACTIONS WERE SMALL."

AMMAN

	OPNG	CLSE	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.51	2.51
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.09	1.06	JOR PAPER CARDBRG	3.20	3.22
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.58	1.57	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.54	2.52
ARAB BANK	113.0	113.7	JOR PIPES MANUFAC	1.23	1.22
ARAB CHEMICAL DTYER	3.96	3.95	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.39	1.39	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05
ARAB INSURANCE	0.83	0.83	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.59	0.61
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.98	0.98	JOR SECURIT CORP	0.75	0.76
ARAB INT.UNION INS	0.94	0.90	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.40	2.37
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.08	1.07
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10	JOR. KUWAIT MGR	4.61	4.60
ARAB PAPER CON/TFD	0.30	0.29	JOR. HAMMATH AGR	1.00	1.00
ARAB PHARMA./MANF.	1.90	1.92	JOR. PETROLIUM REF.	7.49	7.52
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75	JOR. FRENCH INS.	4.45	4.50
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	2.00	2.00
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.28	0.28
BANK OF JORDAN	14.86	14.90	JORDAN DAIRY	0.97	0.96
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.20	1.19
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	28.00	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.96
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.41	0.43	JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.65	1.65
KD ALDAWA DV/INV.	1.53	1.53	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.41	1.57
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.49	0.51	JORDAN POLLTRY	2.00	2.00
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.54	0.53	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.65	0.68
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.65	3.55	MACH/EQ/RENT/MAIN	0.77	0.77
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	MS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.29	1.33	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
GENERAL MINING.	1.35	1.35	MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
HOLY LAND INS.	1.25	1.26	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
IND./WATCH JEMCO	0.60	0.60	NAT/CASEL/WIRE/HP	0.98	0.97
INDSTR. DEVLPT BNK	1.47	1.47	NATIONAL ABILA INS	1.22	1.22
INDSTR./COMM/AGR.	1.17	1.16	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.39	0.39
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL POLYFOLIO	0.68	0.68
INTERN. CO/INV	0.20	0.20	NATIONAL STEEL	2.57	2.56
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.85	0.86	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	PETRA BANK	1.97	1.97
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.24	1.22	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.81	0.81
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	RAFA INDUSTRIAL	0.75	0.75
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.50	14.50	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.42	0.42
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.24	1.20	SHIPPING LINES	0.86	0.86
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	SPINNING WEYING	0.76	0.75
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.69	1.70	THE HOUSING BANK	1.86	1.87
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.92	0.94	UNITED INSURANCE	0.94	0.94
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.92	0.87	UNIVERSAL CHEM.IND	1.44	1.47
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.68	0.70
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.45	1.45	YARHOL INDUSTRIES	0.70	0.70
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	YARHOLK INSURANCE	1.05	1.05

Oil markets weaken slightly

LONDON, Aug. 23, (Reuters): World crude oil prices weakened 10 to 15 cents a barrel today but trading was quiet in the absence of market-moving news, traders said.

Traders said industry estimates that Saudi Arabia produced 4.6 million barrels per day in the first three weeks of August had fuelled mildly weaker sentiment. Its OPEC quota is 4.34 million barrels a day.

Towards the close of European trade, North Sea Brent blend, the most widely-traded international crude, was quoted 15 cents lower at \$14.80 a barrel.

Latest spot oil prices — FOB, dollars per barrel:

	Aug 23	Aug 22
Brent (prompt)	14.80	14.95
WTI (Cushing, October)	15.70	15.85
Dubai (October)	13.20	13.40

Inflation fears ease

Dollar hit by central banks' intervention

LONDON, Aug. 23, (Reuters): Central banks hit markets with concerted dollar sales for a second straight day today and met some success in trying to check an advance by America's currency that threatens inflation and trade problems.

West Germany's Bundesbank unloaded about \$200 million on Asian markets while speculators in Europe were still getting out of bed.

As trading moved west with the sun, other European central banks and then those of the United States and Canada joined the battle to stop a flow of speculative money into the dollar — to which funds are being attracted by high US interest rates.

"We haven't seen the turnaround yet," said an American bank dealer. "But going up gets harder every day."

Down
In London, the dollar closed at 1.9065 West German marks, down on Monday's close of 1.9185 and an overnight high in the United States of 1.9220.

Banks appear worried that a strong dollar will put up import costs in nations outside the United States and thus fuel their inflation. It may also make US goods less price-competitive and

President offers credit to Bush

Reagan signs trade bill

LONG BEACH, Calif., Aug. 23, (Reuters): President Reagan signed into law a sweeping overhaul of US trade rules today, offering some political credit for the tougher trade stand to Republican presidential candidate George Bush.

Speaking to a large audience of dockworkers and dignitaries at this busy Port City south of Los Angeles, Reagan said revised laws were necessary to break down protectionist trade barriers and block "international thievery" of American ideas.

Victory

"And yet this bill is just the latest step in that effort, which began the first day (Vice-President) George Bush and I entered office and has already opened vast markets to American products all around the globe," Reagan said.

"It hasn't been easy, but I have

never doubted our ultimate victory, because we are riding a global wave."

The trade law represents more than three years of work by Congress to craft rules of retaliation against countries believed to maintain unfair barriers to US exports. The Senate gave its final assent to the trade bill on August 3.

There was broad bipartisan support for stiffer rules to lower US trade shortfalls, which hit a record \$171 billion in 1987. A principal architect was Lloyd Bentsen, the former Senate Finance Committee chairman who is now the Democrats' vice-presidential nominee.

The US trade shortfall for all of 1980, the last year before Reagan took office, was \$31.4 billion.

Countries including Japan, Taiwan and West Germany are among the evident targets of the

new trade laws, which have stirred widespread resentment and criticism from abroad.

US trade officials will be obliged to name countries that run persistent large trade surpluses by using questionable trade tactics. The officials then must seek voluntary improvements and retaliate if negotiations fail.

Reagan said the United States in the future would "insist on standards of fair play," including identifying and acting against countries that make and sell goods in the United States which copy American technology.

Goods

"It will strengthen the ability of US firms to protect their patented, copyrighted or trademarked goods and ideas from international thievery," the President said.

Commerce Secretary William

Verity said the trade law gives US officials new authority for international bargaining under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) pact to eliminate trade barriers and should not be seen as a threat.

"As long as our trading partners live up to international and bilateral agreements, they have nothing to worry about," Verity said.

Reagan vetoed the first version of the trade bill, calling it protectionist and objecting in particular to provisions for advance notice to workers of major plant closings or mass layoffs and to restrictions on Alaskan oil exports.

Congress excised those provisions and passed a separate bill requiring 60 days' notice of plant closings or layoffs. Reagan said he let that bill become law to stop "political shenanigans" by a Democrat-controlled Congress.

China moves gingerly into further offshore oil drilling

HONG KONG, Aug. 23, (Reuters): A Chinese move to attract more foreign oil prospectors to its offshore waters — once hailed as the next North Sea — has not led to the scramble that Beijing had hoped for.

Foreign oil companies have shown scant interest in a new 65,000 square km (25,000 square mile) area off China's southeast coast which is expected open officially in September under contract bidding.

Under the bidding system, companies tender for the exclusive right to search for oil in a particular area.

So far only seven packages of geophysical data covering parts of the new area have been sold to foreign oil companies, according to the administrative president of China's Nanhai East oil corporation, Zhao Rong Fa.

Packages

The packages, giving important preliminary geological information on the exploration areas, is an indication of the numbers of bids likely to be made by oil companies.

In a previous round of bidding China signed eight exploration contracts with foreign firms. The companies provide the advanced technology China lacks for offshore exploration.

Overseas oil company officials in Canton say privately that they do not expect many firms to join the new round of bidding. "The Chinese would like someone to say how wonderful it is to be in offshore China right now," a US consular official in China said.

Stake

Dealers and analysts said Brierley's raised stake had brought the stock into play as a possible bid candidate, but most doubted the New Zealand company would make a full offer. Speculators mentioned RTZ and Hanson Trust has more likely suitors.

Employment agency Blue Arrow was among the most active shares with over five mln traded for a 1p rise to 96p.

Analysts said the volume may partly have reflected position adjustments following recent brokers' profits downgradings. Almost all analysts contacted dismissed market rumours that Swiss employment agency ADIA SA was ready to launch a bid for the company.

"A week ago we were seeing over 30 mln Blue Arrow traded per day... five mln in today's kind of market is neither here nor there," one analyst commented.

Plans

But with neither Republican Vice-President George Bush nor Democrat Michael Dukakis spelling out detailed plans, most said they were hard-pressed to analyse the likely policies.

That hasn't stopped them trying. In a rare display of unanimity, there seems to be general agreement on what the next president should do — cut America's huge budget deficit by raising taxes.

"It is very clear to us in Europe that the next US president will have to raise taxes," said Christian Saint Etienne, director of

But oil company officials say exploration is hampered by multi-faulted geological structures that make it less likely large, commercially-rewarding oil reservoirs will be found.

"The geology has been disappointing," said the managing director of Shell Exploration (China), Tim Brennan.

Zhao explained that over-optimistic assessments had been made when offshore exploration first began in 1983.

A \$70-million deep-water port as well as accommodation and an office complex built by China for foreign oilmen at Zhuhai, opposite the Portuguese-administered territory of Macao, has not attracted a single occupant, according to US consular officials in China.

Some officials have moved from Canton to Shekou, a port closer to the exploration areas in the Pearl River basin, to cut the cost of transport to their drilling rigs and because rents are cheaper.

Incentives

China will offer new tax incentives on fields with low production in an attempt to make exploration and development of smaller fields more palatable in the future.

Beijing will no longer charge royalties on oilfields with an annual output of less than one million tonnes, according to Wu Xundo of the state-run China National Offshore Oil Exploration, quoted in the official China Daily recently.

An exploration group consist-

ing of Agip of Italy, US-based Chevron and Texaco is preparing one of these smaller fields, discovered in 1985 during the first round, for development in co-operation with Chinese partners Nanhai East.

The field is southeast of Canton in the Pearl River basin. It is projected to produce 980,000 tonnes of crude a year at peak production during the 1990s, according to Ying Price, chief of the US Consulate Foreign Commercial Service in Hong Kong.

Discovery

Phillips Petroleum is also widely believed to have a commercially-viable 1985 oilfield discovery in a first round Pearl River basin area. If developed and put into production it could produce 1.5 to 1.6 million tonnes a year, Price said.

"The plans for development have not been moving very fast — they're not huge fields," said Brennan.

In 1987, China produced a mere 712,000 tonnes of oil offshore, from a total output of 134 million tonnes, according to official statistics.

Despite the difficulties and lack of results many oil companies are not prepared to abandon hope.

"There is still a chance of big discoveries," said Mitsuo Ueki, president of JHN Oil Operating Company, which has made some moderate offshore finds in the Pearl River basin.

"We should think of the old Chinese saying that the latecomers often surpass the early-comers," said Zhao.

Economists in the dark on American candidates' plans

TOKYO, Aug. 23, (Reuters): Most economists say there's only one big question in the US presidential campaign — which candidate is more likely to cut America's huge budget deficit.

But when it comes to the answer, they generally confess they are in the dark.

"I don't see either of them attacking fundamental issues," said Russell Jones at brokers security Pacific Hoare Govett in London.

Jones was one of a number of economists in Western Europe and Japan who were polled for a view from outside America on what the November election may portend.

Spending

The question then becomes which candidate would best manage that adjustment. And that's where the disagreements come in.

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communications at French bank Credit Lyonnais.

Saint Etienne, formerly an economist with the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), said the costs of servicing huge US debts will continue to dominate American economic policies for years to come.

"No matter who wins... the United States must go through a period of adjustment in their economy," said Bank of Tokyo chairman Yusuke Kashiwagi.

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Tokyo said a Dukakis victory might indicate that Americans were ready for change and prepared to abandon the free-spending ways of the Reagan years.

But Klaus Wieters, chief economist at Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale in Frankfurt, said that Dukakis' policies pointed to more government spending, not less.

The Democratic emphasis on social welfare would make it difficult to hold down government spending.

A consensus was that Dukakis would tend to be more protectionist than Bush but both would be more protectionist than Reagan.

"Even Mr Bush will be more protectionist than Mr Reagan has been," said Jean Cheval, chief economist at Banque Indosuez in Paris. "Mr Reagan was an anti-protectionist by faith, but also because the economy was so strong during his presidency."

Strong

That strong economy eased pressure on Reagan to protect US industries from foreign competition because jobs were plentiful.

But the next president may not have that luxury, the economists said.

Soviets to boost tiny service sector to absorb savings

MOSCOW, Aug. 23, (Reuters): The government has approved a new programme to boost the tiny service sector, as official data today showed Soviet consumers have eight billion roubles (\$13 billion) saved and nothing to spend them on.

The government newspaper Izvestia today published details of the programme which it said should increase the quantity and quality of services ranging from laundries and shoe repairs to tourism and other leisure activities.

Shortage

"The country still experiences a shortage of many types of service," the official news agency Tass said, in comments long expressed by average Soviets.

"The decision provides for almost a doubling in the provision of services by 1995 to meet, on the whole, the population's demand for paid services."

The plan, linked with a weekend decision to boost consumer goods production and other moves to improve retail trade, should raise the share of services in national income to 19 per cent by 1995 from a current 10 per cent, Tass said.

Demand

Figures published by Tass showed pent-up demand for consumer goods and services by the nation's 283 million people had almost quadrupled over the past two years, as incomes outstripped production of things to spend them on.

"A shortage of commodities and services has become chronic," Tass said. Unsatisfied

demand for light industry products now runs to over 8,000 million roubles (\$13 billion).

This compared with a shortfall of 6.4 billion roubles (\$10 billion) in 1987 and 2.2 billion roubles (\$3.5 billion) in 1986.

Analysts see the measures as an attempt to fill an "expectations gap" between the promises of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's Perestroika reforms and what they actually see in the shops.

Even so, the figure will leave Soviets spending far less on services than other advanced industrial countries, particularly the United States, economists said. As economies develop, a growing share of spending goes on services and less on basics like food.

Growth

Izvestia said the growth will come both from state enterprises and by encouraging the creation of more co-operatives. The Kremlin's latest innovation in limited private enterprise.

The government will also encourage individual labour activities, even drafting pensioners, housewives and students for casual work, it said.

The official Soviet media have detailed the nation's low living standards in a series of articles over the past week that are frank even by the standards of the Kremlin's glasnost (openness) drive.

In one article, a leading economist wrote in the weekly Moscow News that Soviet living standards ranked 50th to 60th in the world. The average Soviet family spends 59 per cent of its income on food.

\$30m club deal to Tupras

THE Gulf Bank K.S.C., The Commercial Bank of Kuwait SAK and Turkiye Garanti Bankasi A.S. have arranged for \$30 million in pre-export financing for Turkiye Petrol Rafinerileri A.S. (Tupras).

The financing is for six months with an option to renew for another six months.

The loan will be used to finance the export of refined oil products to various countries.

Turkiye Garanti Bankasi is the local agent. Banks involved besides Gulf Bank and Commercial Bank of Kuwait are Banque Indosuez, GZB Vienna, KFT-CIC, Kuwait Real Estate Bank, Lloyds Bank, Privatbanken, and UBAF Paris.

Aghazadeh optimistic about OPEC's future

TEHRAN, Aug. 23, (OPECNA): Iranian Petroleum Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh told journalists here at the weekend that he was optimistic about the future of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

He explained that his optimism was based on the belief that the differences of opinion resulting from the Gulf hostilities would be largely removed following the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq which came into force on August.

He predicted that oil prices will increase on the world markets, as agreement among OPEC members will create a favourable atmosphere.

On OPEC countries' production ceilings, he pointed out that it was an issue which concerned OPEC as a whole, not just individual members of the organisation.

'New act will not begin to cure the problem'

Japan enforces first phase of insider trading law

TOKYO, Aug. 23, (UPI): The Japanese government today began enforcing the first phase of its much-awaited insider trading law, but American stock analysts said the practice is so rampant in Japan that the new act will not begin to cure the problem.

"If Japan had to abide by the US insider trading laws, they would have to put half the industry here in jail," said an analyst at one American brokerage in Tokyo who requested anonymity.

Japanese economic journals, including the respected Nihon Keizai Shimbun, reported the government rushed to implement the first phase of the law to dampen public criticism over two major stock scandals that have rocked government and corporate circles.

One scandal, involving a number of aides of leading

politicians, including a dismissed secretary of Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, is currently stirring debate in the Diet, or parliament, and overshadows the government's proposed tax reform bill.

The insider trading law, adopted by the legislature in May after intense international lobbying, is being phased in over the next nine months. It will be fully implemented in April when violators will face maximum prison sentences of six months and fines up to half a million yen (\$3,800).

Violators

Today the Finance Ministry gained the authority to conduct one-on-one spot inspections of suspected corporate violators and to demand information on stock trading from listed corporations and brokerages.

Osamu Horimoto, director of

distribution and marketing for the Finance Ministry, told United Press International that enforcement of the law will be carried out by 150 investigators working from the capital and 10 branch offices.

In the United States, the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) enforcement division has more than 700 lawyers in Washington alone watching for unusual trading activity.

The American analyst cited comments from the prime minister himself as evidence that Japan is not serious about ending insider trading, which reportedly is a major source of funds for politicians.

Takeshita told parliament that while very unfortunate, no law had been broken by his secretary and other aides of politicians of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party who in total reaped

millions of dollars in profits on the deals.

Takeshita also denied opposition claims that profits from the transactions had wound up to the party's war chest or that the aides had used their positions of influence to obtain the stock.

The scandal involved Japanese real estate developer recruit to the Cosmos, which in 1984 sold unlisted shares at bargain-basement prices to 76 people, many with ruling party connections.

Profits

When the stock was opened to the public two years later, the stockholders realised huge tax-free profits as the share value rocketed as anticipated.

The Finance Ministry has concluded that the private stock sale violated the country's security and exchange law, but said the company could not be prosecuted due to the time elapsed.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug. 23, (Reuters): Stock prices moved sharply lower in late trading in increased nervousness ahead of the federal budget. The All Ordinaries index closed down 14.9 at 1,629.9.

TOKYO: Prices closed lower with no fresh bullish news and a number of concerns paralysing the market and keeping it down. The Nikkei index fell 159.23 to 27,919.95.

HONG KONG: Prices finished lower after a day of nervous trading following Wall Street's week performance. The Hang Seng index lost 32.01 to 2,532.13.

SINGAPORE: Prices were moderately lower over a broad front in quiet trading in response to Wall Street's fall. The Straits Times industrial index fell 8.71 to 1,067.02.

BOMBAY: Prices fell on heavy profit-taking after a week-long rally fuelled by state-owned institutions.

ZURICH: The market followed Wall Street's negative trend and closed lower across the board after moderate trading. The All-Share Swiss index dropped 6.9 to 893.8.

PARIS: The market was quiet on the last day of the August account, with investors uncertain over interest rates and the dollar. The 50-share Bourse Indicator showed a 1.24 per cent

decline.

LONDON: Prices recovered slightly from midday lows but dealers said investors were very nervous in view of Wall Street's shaky opening. At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was down 16.5 at 1,815.8.

NEW YORK: Prices were mixed, with investors uncertain over the market's near-term direction. Early gains were erased by futures' related and technical selling.

Petroleum products

KAMPALA, Aug. 23, (OPECNA): Uganda has received petroleum products worth \$6 million from Libya under an agreement between the two African countries, the Inter-Press Service (IPS) news agency reported.

It quoted Uganda energy ministry sources as saying the petroleum products were shipped from Libya to the Tanzanian port of Dar Es Salaam from where they were transported by rail to Uganda.

Uganda, which is experiencing foreign exchange problems, began to import petroleum products in May last year to supplement its oil imports.

KD deposit rates steady

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates were mostly steady yesterday in a slow August market still flush with liquidity from this month's salary payments.

Overnight was offered at 1/2 per cent, but there were no takers. Tomorrow-next dealt at 1/2 after being offered at two on Monday. Spot-next rose one point to five, four.

Short-term maturity rates began easing on Saturday as August salary payments started entering the market.

Little activity was reported in the longer maturities. One-month rose 1/8 point to 6-1/8, 5-7/8, but other maturities were little changed. Three months was quoted at 6-5/16, 1/16 and six months at 6-7/16, 3/16.

Easier

The Central Bank set the dinar easier at 0.28493/502 to the dollar from 0.28480/90 on Monday. Commercial banks quoted 0.28498/503.

Meanwhile Saudi riyal deposit rates were steady yesterday in a lacklustre market during a bank holiday on Monday and Tuesday in the important offshore banking centre of Bahrain.

Saudi Arabian banks remained open.

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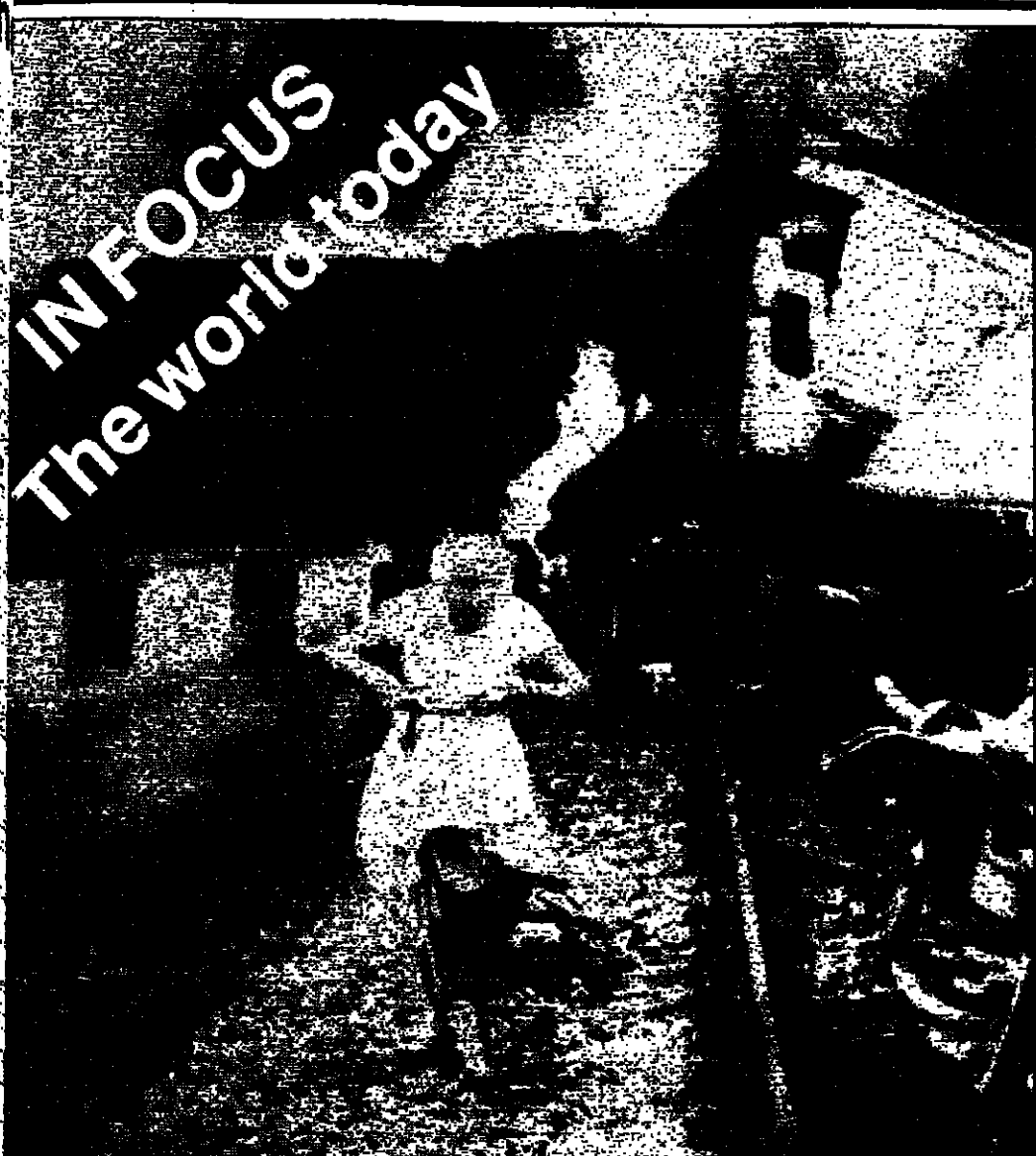
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PAKISTANI Air Force investigators search through the rubble of the C-130 transport plane which crashed killing Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq and 29 others. (Reuters wirephoto)



REMAINS of a village just outside Kathmandu salvage remains of their house (above left) after it was destroyed by Sunday's earthquake which killed 1,200 people in the Nepal-India border. Anxious relatives check a list and photographs of those killed by the earthquake (above right). (Reuters wirephoto)



THE first flight crew of the space shuttle Discovery to fly since the Challenger explosion talks to reporters during a press conference at the Space Centre in Houston. From left are: Mission specialists Pinky Nelson, David C. Hilmers and John Lounge; astronaut Richard Covey and Mission Commander Frederick E. Hawck. (Reuters wirephoto)



WEST Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu (left) shakes hands with Subhas Ghising (right), head of the Gurkha National Liberation Front after signing an accord ending a two-year agitation for a Gurkha state within India. (Reuters wirephoto)



REFUGEES from south Sudan line up for a hot meal in Bontlou near Khartoum. (Reuters wirephoto)



MEVLUD DAWITADZE (left) of the mountain village of Gorekety in the Georgian region of the Soviet Union, celebrated on Monday his 131st birthday with two of his sons, 93 year-old Osman (centre) and 78 year-old Dzhefer (right). (Reuters wirephoto)



IRAQI soldiers relax behind an anti-aircraft gun watching the Iraqi-Iranian borderline near Basra. (Reuters wirephoto)



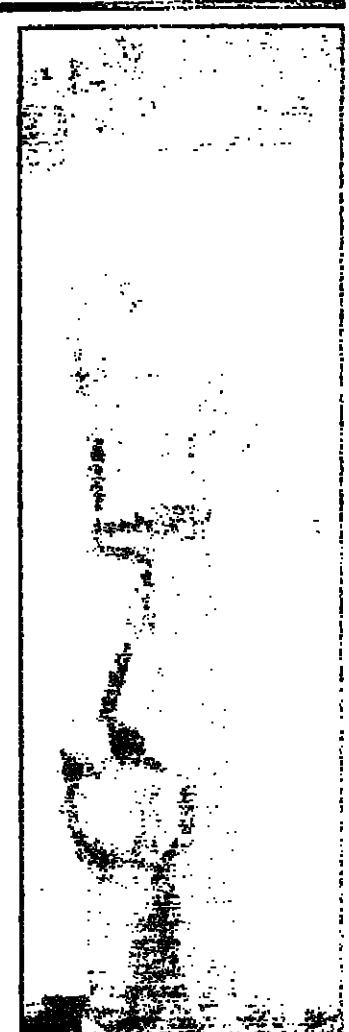
A GIANT phone decorated with thousands of flower petals through Jakarta as part of a procession marking the 43rd anniversary of Indonesian Independence. (Reuters wirephoto)



RUDI, the five-week old macaca-monkey, successfully resists any attempts of a photographer to picture him by climbing on top of his camera. (Reuters wirephoto)



VICE-PRESIDENT George Bush tosses an apple to Mike McKinley (left), a farmer from Cheney, Washington, appears surprised. McKinley presented Bush with apples and wheat during an airport arrival in Spokane, Washington. (Reuters wirephoto)



A MODEL of Soviet-born artist Ernot McJenny's 'New Statue of Liberty,' commissioned by the government of Taiwan, to be built on a man-made island in Taiwan's Keelung harbour. The statue, at over 100 metres tall, will be as tall as the Statue of Liberty in New York. (Reuters wirephoto)

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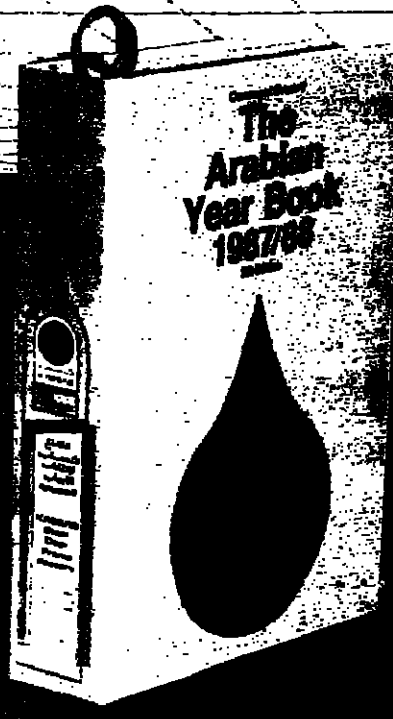
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Golinelli clinches world title

GHENT, Belgium, Aug. 23. (AP) Italy took gold and silver in the professional Keirin event yesterday as Claudio Golinelli and Ottavio Dazzan outspun opposition in the final of the World Track Cycling Championships.

Belgium's Michel Vaarten was third, and defending champion Harumi Honda passed fifth place.

Golinelli passed Vaarten, who led most of the final lap, on the home stretch from the inside to take the title.

France's Patrick da Rocha was fourth, Stephen Pate of Australia took sixth place and US rider Mark Whitehead finished seventh.

The Keirin event, a race in which the riders are taken around the banked track led by a motorcycle before culminating in a sprint finish, was the highlight of yesterday's events, which suffered from poor attendance and a lack of participants.

Several

Only about 250 fans showed up at the Blaarmere Sports Centre and several seats of scheduled events had to be cut because there was not enough interest.

All Olympic events are missing at the week-long championships. They will be contested at the Olympic Games in Seoul next month. Only about 70 professional racers and less than three dozen amateurs are competing in Ghent this week.

In the women's events, France's Jeannie Longo continued to dominate the individual pursuit, clocking a time of 3:43.59 in her three-kilometre quarterfinal against Canadian Kelly Ann Carter.

Swiss rider Barbara Ganz disposed of Kathrin Watt of Australia. US rider Melinda Mayfield Gurtin won against West Germany's Sandra Schumacher, and Tea Viskochil-Nymann outpaced Kristel Werck of Belgium.

Most professional riders are only interested in Sunday's road race, the highlight of the world championships.

Japan win volleyball tournament

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Aug. 23. (AP) Japan beat South Korea and China in the finals to capture both the boys' and girls' Asian Junior Volleyball Championship yesterday.

In the boys' division, Japan upset defending champion South Korea by winning the final game 15-12, 15-9, 14-16, 15-10.

Japan won the girls' final after defeating China 15-12, 15-5, 6-15, 15-6.

Seventeen boys' teams and 10 girls' teams participated in the tournament which started on Aug. 12. The championship is also a qualification round for the World Junior Championships next year.

Represent

The three best teams from both events, excluding the South Korean boys' team, will represent Asia in the World Boys' Championships in Greece and the Girls' Championships in Peru next year. All players are age 19 or younger.

Rankings after the 10-day tournament:

Boys: Japan, South Korea, China, Indonesia, Taiwan, Bahrain, India, United Arab Emirates, Thailand, Australia, Iran, Kuwait, Singapore, Qatar, Sri Lanka, New Zealand and Hong Kong.

Girls: Japan, China, South Korea, Indonesia, Taiwan, Thailand, Australia, India, Singapore and New Zealand.

RUSH AND ALDRIDGE MAY LEAD FOUR-MAN ATTACK

Liverpool line-up dazzles rivals

LONDON, Aug. 23. (Reuters) Kenny Dalglish is pondering a line-up which would have Liverpool's rivals quaking in their football boots even before the new English season has begun — a four-man attack featuring both Ian Rush and John Aldridge.

With England internationals Peter Beardsley and John Barnes bringing the forward line's total worth to a staggering £6.5 million (\$11 million), the reigning champions' hopes of winning their 10th League title in 14 seasons are understandably high.

Sudden

Dalglish, spoilt for choice and the envy of most of his fellow-managers in the First Division, had considered dropping Aldridge for Welshman Rush, making a sudden return after a year in Italy with Juventus.

But Aldridge's two goals in Liverpool's Charity Shield victory over FA Cup holders Wimbledon last Saturday have made him think again.

"Rush and Aldridge have played together before and they played well," Dalglish said. "There are a lot of people who would like to try that again."

But the fans on Liverpool's famous Kop terraces — who besieged the club's season ticket offices after the announcement



Rush (left) and Aldridge: may play together

of Rush's return — may have to wait to see their hero.



Liverpool kick off the season on Saturday away at London club Charlton and there is no guarantee that Rush, who has

been suffering from a virus, will be fit to play for a week or two.

"We are still waiting for his international clearance from Italy and we've got to take a look at his fitness," said Dalglish whose side will set out to beat last season's record-equalling start of 29 matches without defeat.

But those determined to prevent another Liverpool walk-over — the northern club lost only two of their 40 matches last year — have also been out shopping over the summer break.

Twenty million pounds (\$33.6 million) have been spent, with six players apart from Rush, changing hands at £1 million (\$1.68 million) or more.

Tottenham also reported a rush for season tickets after buying talented midfielder Paul Gascoigne from Newcastle for £2.2 million (\$3.7 million) and expect a big crowd for their opening tie at home against Coventry.

Everton, disappointed with fourth place last season after winning the championship in 1985 and 1987, paid £2.5 million (\$4.2 million) for West Ham and England striker Tony Cottee in a bid to step up their local feud with Liverpool.

The two clubs have kept the League trophy in the city of Liverpool for seven years running.

Manchester United, runners-up last year, have brought Mark Hughes home from Barcelona to help them chase their first title since 1967. They open at home to Queen's Park Rangers.

But United captain Bryan Robson starts the season with personal problems — he has been summoned to appear in court on a drunken driving charge next month.

Other clubs have worries of their own. Wimbledon are on three months' probation, under threat of further fines by the Football Association (FA), after a poor disciplinary record last year.

First Division new boys Millwall have increased security at their London home in the hope of shaking off their reputation as a club with unruly fans.

Trouble

Their ground, The Den, has been closed four times because of crowd trouble and three years ago a policeman was seriously injured in a riot by Millwall supporters.

The European Football Union (UEFA), considering whether to lift its ban on English clubs imposed after a riot killed 39 people at the 1985 European Cup final between Liverpool and Juventus, will be watching closely.

Jackson takes Reds past Pirates

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (AP) The way Cincinnati manager Pete Rose sees it, Danny Jackson looks like a natural for the Cy Young Award for top pitcher.

Jackson threw a five-nitter for his fifth shutout of the season to outduel Doug Drabek in a battle of pitchers riding seven-game winning streaks last night as the Reds beat the Pirates 2-0 in Pittsburgh.

"If every pitcher in the League were like him, the batting champion would be 250," Reds manager Pete Rose said. "If you're voting for the Cy Young, I can't imagine who else you would vote for."

Become

In other National League games, Houston beat Chicago 9-7, Atlanta defeated St. Louis 5-3, Philadelphia edged San Diego 6-5, San Francisco got by Montreal 3-2, and New York trounced Los Angeles 7-1.

Jackson, 18-5, pitched his League-leading 12th complete game to become the National League's first 18-game winner. Jackson has allowed only two runs and 19 hits in his last four starts, all of them complete games, to lower his earned run average to 2.43. He is second in the League in shutouts.

Jackson, unbeaten since July 14, struck out seven and walked two.

Drabek, 13-6, lost for the first time since June 21 as three of the Pirates' four errors led directly to the Reds' runs.

Chris Sabo reached on shortstop Rafael Belliard's error with one out in the third, stole second and moved to third on the play

when catcher Tom Prince threw wildly. Eric Davis tripled him home.

Jackson singled with two outs in the seventh. Third baseman Bobby Bonilla's wild throw on Kal Daniels' slow-rolling infield single eluded both first baseman Orestes DeSade and second baseman Jose Lind, scoring Jackson.

In Chicago, Craig Biggio's first Major League home run, a tie-breaking shot leading off the 10th inning, gave the Astros a comeback victory despite two home runs and five runs batted in by the Cubs' Damon Berryhill.

Atlanta's Ron Gaudin had three hits, including a home run and a double, and scored three runs in the Braves' 5-3 victory over the Cardinals in St. Louis.

Unearned

In San Diego, errors by Gary Templeton and Lance McCullers helped Philadelphia score four unearned runs in a five-run seventh inning as Philadelphia broke an eight-game losing streak, winning 6-5 over the Padres.

San Francisco's Ernest Riles hit a pinch-hit, three-run homer off Montreal's Bryn Smith in the seventh inning and the Giants got their sixth consecutive victory, 3-2. The Expos' losing streak reached nine games, their longest since 1977.

For the Mets, Dwight Gooden pitched an eight-hitter for his first complete game in seven starts and Keith Hernandez and Kevin McReynolds homered as the Mets snapped the Dodgers' seven-game winning streak with a 7-1 victory in Los Angeles.

The Minnesota Twins' Allan Anderson may not be a household name. But he's getting there.

"He's no secret anymore. He's a good-looking young pitcher," Detroit manager Sparky Anderson said after Anderson pitched eight shutout innings for his sixth straight victory, a 7-0 decision over the Tigers.

Happening

In other American League games last night, Oakland clobbered New York 9-2, Boston beat California 6-2, Toronto downed Chicago 6-3, Seattle defeated Baltimore 7-3, Milwaukee dropped Cleveland 7-3, and Texas won 9-5 over Kansas City.

Anderson, 12-7, gave up six hits, struck out none and walked one, raising his record to 11-4 since May 29. Jeff Reardon pitched the ninth consecutive game against Detroit.

"I just want to throw strikes, keep the defense on its toes," Anderson said. "When you've got one of the best defenses in baseball behind you, things are going to happen. And things are happening."

His defense like him, too. "Allan goes after people," Twins third baseman Al Newman said. "That keeps the defense in the ballgame."

Kirby Puckett had four hits, his fifth four-hit game this season and the 25th in his career. The loss cut Detroit's lead over Boston in the AL East to three games. The Twins trail AL West-leading Oakland by eight games.

US Olympic team tames NBA

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 23. (AP) After the US Olympic men's basketball team lost for the first time, coach John Thompson said he wanted to see how well his club would respond.

It took just 24 hours to get an answer.

The Olympians, playing the pressing, pesky kind of defense Thompson employs at Georgetown University, smothered their NBA opponents early and then coasted to a 91-79 exhibition victory last night.

Thompson, though, only got to see the first half due to what Georgetown publicist Bill Shapland said was a mild case of food poisoning. Assistant coach

George Raveling directed the team after intermission, then met with the media while Thompson recuperated at the team's hotel.

"Our shot selection was very good, and I thought we were very aggressive at both ends of the floor," Raveling said. "And we did a good job of rebounding on the defensive boards."

Picked

They also did a pretty good job of smothering the NBA players, who showed the effects of very little preparation and summer-time shape. The NBA turned the ball over 24 times, 15 of those in the first half when the Olympians opened as much as a 22-point

lead.

Tempers flared on several occasions in the first half, and Dennis Rodman of the Detroit Pistons picked up a technical foul when he threw a punch at Danny Manning.

"Up in Detroit, Chuck Person (of the Indiana Pacers) came in the locker room and talked to the kids about being more physical, being more aggressive," Raveling said.

"I thought that maybe sometimes we might have overreacted. But most times I don't think coaches will fault youngsters for their aggressiveness, particularly as long as it's clean aggressiveness."

French seek ban on foreign coaches

PARIS, Aug. 23. (Reuters) French professional soccer trainers have started a campaign to have foreign coaches without the required qualifications removed from the bench during matches.

The Union of First and Second Division Trainers (UNEEF) announced after meeting in Paris yesterday that they would ask the National Soccer Federation and the League to ban coaches without an approved training licence from the touchline.

The five foreign trainers who would be affected include three Yugoslavs — Tomislav Ivic of League leaders Paris Saint-Germain, Miroslav Blazevic of Nantes and Nenad Bjekovic of Nice.

Azinger: heading for first prize

Tway and Azinger take lead in Fred Meyer golf

PORTLAND, Oregon, Aug. 23. (AP) The team of Bob Tway and Paul Azinger birdied seven straight holes en route to a 10-under-par 62 yesterday to take the first-round lead in the \$650,000 Fred Meyer Challenge golf tournament.

Heading into today's final round, Tway and Azinger held a one-shot lead over Andy Bean and Ray Floyd.

The teams of Arnold Palmer-Peter Jacobsen, Scott Simpson-Craig Stadler, and Lee Trevino-Fred Couples were two shots back at 8-under-par 64 on the par-72 Portland Golf Club course.

Tway ignited his team's streak with four straight birdies, beginning on the fourth hole. Azinger added long birdie puts at the eighth and ninth holes.

Ten teams are entered in the 36-hole, best-ball competition, in its third year under sponsorship of the Fred Meyer retail chain.

When Tway two-putted for birdie on the par-510th hole, the team was 8 under par.

The Tway-Azinger duo cooled



Hanika: thrashed Reggi.

Sanchez and Hanika reach second round

MAHWAH, N.J., Aug. 23. (Reuters) Spain's Arantxa Sanchez out downed Britain's Jo Durie 6-2 6-2 in just 57 minutes yesterday in the first round of the \$200,000 Mahwah Classic tennis tournament.

In another first-round match, Sylvia Hanika of West Germany, the sixth seed, proved too strong for an error-prone Raffaella Reggi of Italy and fashioned a 6-2 6-3 victory in 80 minutes. Reggi committed 10 double faults.

Serves

"I kept her on the defensive, especially since she had to use so many second serves," said Hanika, who is ranked 16th.

Sanchez, 16, was to face top-ranked Steffi Graf of West Germany this evening.

"It will be a great experience playing against Steffi. She's the best and I have nothing to lose," said the winner, who caused a stir last spring in the French Open when she upset Chris Evert.

Durie, who was ranked sixth at the end of the 1983 season and has dropped to 56, never got going yesterday, as Sanchez outlasted her from the baseline and had her passing shots working to perfection when Durie attacked at the net.

"She will be a top player in a year or two," Durie said. "She's not scared to come to the net and she's absolutely lethal on short balls."

Sanchez, whose brothers Emilio and Javier are on the men's circuit, rolled to a 4-1 lead in the first set and 4-0 on the second.

Eight-seed Stephanie Rehe of the United States was pushed to three sets by Dinky van Rensburg of South Africa 6-2 6-7 (5-7) 6-3. Van Rensburg lost earlier in the day in the qualifiers but replaced ailing American Kathy Rinaldi an hour before the match.

Youl surprises Jelen

RYE BROOK, New York, Aug. 23. (AP) Simon Youl of Australia upset No. 3 Eric Jelen of West Germany 6-2 4-6, 6-0 in the first round of the Nynex Open tennis tournament yesterday.

"I'm hitting the ball well," said the 23-year-old Youl, a native of Tasmania who was ranked No. 90 in 1985 but now is 119th.

"When I play my game, I can beat anyone," he said.

Youl lost to Stefan Edberg in the round of 16 at Wimbledon earlier this year, was eliminated by

Mats Wilander in the second round of the Australian Open and was beaten by Henri Leconte in the first round of the French Open.

"I qualified for the US Open this year for the first time. That was a goal of mine, since it's part of the Grand Slam. I'm hoping I can get a good draw and advance, as far as playing some of the top 10 players. It will be a challenge. I have everything to gain and nothing to lose," Youl said.

Stephenson and Norman triumph

DUBLIN, Ohio, Aug. 23. (AP) Jan Stephenson rolled in an 18-foot (5.4-metre) putt for birdie on the second playoff hole to give the Australian team of Stephenson and Greg Norman a 1-up victory over Japan in the Big Four exhibition match yesterday.

Stephenson's putt defeated the Japanese team of Isao Aoki and Ayako Okamoto in the exhibition match at the Muirfield Village Golf Club.

The event was produced for later viewing on Japanese television by Jack Nicklaus Productions. Nicklaus designed and built the par-72 Muirfield Village course.

Birdied

The Australians held a 5-stroke lead after nine holes, making the turn in 4-under par. But the Japanese birdied three holes in a row, pulling even with a birdie on the 16th hole.

After the Australians bogeyed the 17th hole to give Japan the lead, the Japanese bogeyed the 18th hole to tie the match.

Each team parred the first playoff hole with a sand save. On hole No. 14, the second playoff hole, Aoki missed the green with his approach and Okamoto left her chip for birdie on the lip of the cup.

But Stephenson's 18-footer (5.4-metre) shot found the cup to give the Australian team the victory.

The winners split \$60,000. The Japanese team split \$40,000.

The match format was stroke play with alternating shots.

Lendl still world No. 1

ARLINGTON, Texas, Aug. 23. (AP) Ivan Lendl retained his No. 1 men's tennis ranking yesterday, but second-ranked Mats Wilander has cut Lendl's lead to its smallest margin in three years.

With his victory at the Association of Tennis Professionals Championships on Sunday, Wilander increased his computer average from 131.84 to 147.53. Lendl leads with a 155.00 average.

That is the closest margin since Lendl took over the No. 1 spot on Sept. 9, 1985.

Cyclists call for less stringent drugs list

GHENT, Belgium, Aug. 23. (Reuters) Professional cyclists yesterday called for a less stringent list of banned drugs in the sport.

They asked the International Cycling Union (UCI) to appoint a special medical commission to draw up a new list and "objectively and scientifically" decide which drugs to ban in their battle against doping.

Unfair

The Association of International Professional Cyclists (AICPRO) told a UCI meeting here it was unfair to treat professionals cyclists like amateurs.

Professionals are said to be unhappy that medicaments taken for minor ailments such as colds can lead to a ban which severely affects their livelihood.

They are also concerned that they may not be able to take quite common treatments to ward off illnesses like bronchitis which



Delgado: almost went out of the Tour de France

keep them out of action and unable to earn for some weeks.

The body told the UCI it wanted new anti-doping rules to take

into account riders' "civil and working rights."

A motion, which has the backing of the association of team

managers, has been put to the UCI and is expected to be discussed in detail at the next UCI meeting in November.

The riders' action comes in the wake of the Tour de France furore when Spain's Pedro Delgado almost lost his chance of winning after a positive dope test.

Later it was discovered the drug in question was banned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) but not by the UCI and Delgado was allowed to continue.

Meanwhile, three world cycling records set by France's Jeannie Longo were finally ratified on Monday, 11 months after they were set.

The records — for the 10 km, 20 km and one hour, outdoor and at altitude — had not been allowed at first because they were set a few days after Longo was positively dope tested following

SPORTS

BOC backs Samaranch on Coe issue

LONDON, Aug 23. (Reuters): The British Olympic Association (BOC) backs calls by International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch to let double champion Sebastian Coe run at the Seoul Games, the Independent newspaper said today.

Samaranch's plea to the British Amateur Athletic Board to include Coe on the team was rejected at the weekend. He now plans to take the matter to the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Request

The Independent said BOC chairman Charles Palmer signed a letter which backed Samaranch's request for a wild card entry and spoke of Coe's "exemplary contribution to the Olympic movement."

"If Samaranch is going to write a new rule, then it would be churlish of us to turn it down," Palmer was quoted as telling the British newspaper.

Samaranch's unprecedented request took many sport officials by surprise.

Coe, 31, was ruled out of defending his 1,500 metres Olympic title in Seoul next month when he failed to reach the 1,500 final at British trials. The British board gave Peter Elliott the third discretionary place in the 300 metres ahead of Coe.

Former Olympic champion Alan Wells, however, criticised moves by Samaranch to get Sebastian Coe a wild card entry.

Abide

"I think it's wrong. I think it's above and beyond the rules and I think Seb should have to abide or die by the rules," said Wells of his fellow Briton.

"He's a great athlete, held in high esteem by me, but unfortunately I feel there is no room for this sort of thing to happen," Wells, the 100 metres champion in 1980, added.

TORCH LIGHTING CEREMONY HELD IN ANCIENT OLYMPIA

Olympic flame begins journey to Seoul

ANCIENT OLYMPIA, Greece, Aug 23. (AP): The Olympic flame began its 7,000-mile (11,100-kilometre) trip to Seoul today, sparked by a blazing sun in a ceremony featuring folklore from South Korea and Greece.

As temperatures reached 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) on the floor of the stadium where the first Olympians competed 2,700 years ago, an actress dressed in the robes of a Greek high priestess lit the first of some 3,100 torches that will carry the symbol of the Games to Asia for only the third time.

"It was fantastic," said Kim Chong-Ha, the president of the South Korean Olympic Committee and a leader of the Seoul delegation to the flame lighting.

The public portion of the ceremony was held before more than 5,000 spectators, who sweltered through a half-hour delay and sought shade under umbrellas, wide-brimmed hats and the cypress trees that ring the ruins.

Helped

"All of these people came out in this heat," Kim said. "It shows that people have helped us all along as we prepared for the Games. Today was a moment we had waited for a long time."

Katerina Didaskalou, portraying the priestess, lit the torch from a small black bowl, carried to the stadium from the neighbouring Temple of Hera where it had been ignited in a concave mirror by the rays of the sun.

"God of sun and light Apollo, send your rays and light the sacred flame in the hospitable city of Seoul in Korea," Didaskalou said in reciting a prayer to the Greek god of fire. "Give peace to all the peoples of the world and crown the winner of the sacred contest."

As she handed the torch to middle-distance runner Thanasis Kaloyannis for the first leg of



The first relay runner, Greek 400-metre champion Thanasis Kaloyannis, leaves Coubertin's monument with the torch. (Reuters wirephoto)

the relay, a Korean folk dance group paraded into the stadium, the sounds of its drums mingling with the "Olympic anthem" played by a Greek Army brass band.

South Korean and Greek Olympic officials appeared overcome by the ceremony. Kim Ock-Jin, secretary-general of the Seoul Olympic Organising Committee, seemed to be near tears as he embraced Lambis Nikolaou, president of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, and John Papadogiannakis, the panel's first vice-president.

Kim Ock-Jin said:

Later, at a hilltop picnic of pork, lamb and local wine, the South Koreans and their hosts joined in a traditional Greek ring dance.

Many of the spectators followed Kaloyannis and six attendants as they ran the flame to a grove at the Olympic Academy honouring Pierre de Coubertin, the French nobleman who revived the Olympics in Athens in 1896.

Gathered

After lighting a memorial candle there, the torch run took off down the main highway from Ancient Olympia, the runners cheered by small groups of people who gathered along the way.

It headed for Athens, where it is due to arrive tomorrow evening after a round-the-clock run and a brief trip on a replica of a Trireme, the fabled warship of ancient Athens.

The flame will be turned over to South Korean officials at candle-light ceremonies in Athens



The high priestess lights the Olympic flame. (Reuters wirephoto)

on Thursday. It will then be transported by jet airliner in a lamp, resembling a telephoto lens and styled after an old Korean observatory, to Cheju island, for the start of a torch relay through South Korea to the opening ceremonies in Seoul on Sept 17.

The relays in Greece and South Korea total 2,825 miles (4,521 kilometres). The air route taking the flame from Athens to Bangkok and on to Cheju is 4,165 miles (6,665 kilometres).

A record 161 nations have agreed to send teams to Seoul, with only six staying away in a boycott led by North Korea. Most of the world's top athletes will compete for the first time since 1972, and both Greek and South Korean officials mentioned the unprecedented response in speeches at the torch-lighting.

"It is a fact that, in past Olympics for various reasons, the Olympic idea and Olympism have been tried hard," Papadogiannakis said. "The statement made by 161 participating countries is not only a record of participation but also a triumph of the Olympic spirit itself."

Kim Ock-Jin told the crowd that "for the first time since the 1972 Munich Olympics, racial, religious and ideological differences will no longer be obstacles for the worldwide nations of the Seoul Olympics. (The participating nations will ensure a grand festival by creating harmony between East and West, which has long been the cherished dream of all peoples."

The only other time the Summer Games have been held in Asia was 1964, when Tokyo was Olympic host. The Winter Games were held in Sapporo, Japan, in 1968.

Nine oil-burning lamps in the rounded shape of an ancient Korean observatory were designed to transport the Olympic flame to the Games — but a modern fire extinguisher gives assurance the flame is contained.

Attached

The Seoul Olympic Organising Committee said today that four of the lamps were sent to Greece to receive the flame in ceremonies there.

Three lamps are to be returned to South Korea aboard a chartered airliner, accompanied by two guards. Two fire extinguishers will be attached to the box, SLOOC said.

Cuba reaffirms decision to stay away from Games

HAVANA, Aug 23. (Reuters): A top Cuban sports official has reaffirmed his nation's decision not to enter the Seoul Olympics next month, the official newspaper Granma said yesterday.

Alberto Juantorena, vice-president of the Cuban Institute of Sports, said Cuba would only change its mind about attending if the Games were fairly divided between South and North Korea.

Last year Cuban President Fidel Castro announced Cuba would stay away from Seoul in solidarity with North Korea, which has charged that the International Olympic Committee has refused to equitably share the Games between the two Koreas.

Choice

Castro also said at the time that South Korea had been a bad choice for the Olympic Games because of widespread violence growing out of confrontations between students and the police.

Juantorena, who won gold medals in both the 400 metre and 800 metre events in the 1976 Montreal Olympics said Cuban athletes had won 720 medals in international events this year.

When Cuba announced its decision not to participate in the Olympics, Cuban athletes voted at a mass meeting to support their government's decision.

Juventus sign Zavarov

TURIN, Italy, Aug 23. (Reuters): Dynamo Kiev playmaker Alexander Zavarov has become the first Soviet footballer to join an Italian club by signing for First Division Juventus.

The Turin-based club announced the signing in a statement today. It said Zavarov, 27, had signed a three-year contract and would join the club for the 1988-89 season beginning on October 9.

Authorities

Juventus gave no details of the deal reached with Soviet soccer authorities. Zavarov will join Danish

international striker Michael Laudrup and Portuguese midfielder Rui Barros as the three permitted foreign players in the Juventus line-up.

Zavarov is one year short of the minimum age at which Soviet players are allowed to go abroad, but the rule was waived after protracted negotiations with Juventus.

Club sources said Zavarov, who helped the Soviet national side to the European Championship final in West Germany in June, was expected to arrive in Turin by September 4.

Robson told to carry on

LONDON, Aug 23. (Reuters): England's soccer chiefs today gave national team manager Bobby Robson a complete vote of confidence despite his side's dismal performance at last June's European Championships.

The English Football Association (FA) told Robson he would continue in charge of England's qualifying matches for the 1990 World Cup, which start next month.

Robson yesterday faced the FA to explain his report on the West German finals where England lost all their three matches against Ireland, the Netherlands and the Soviet Union.

"It took at least one minute to discuss," FA spokesman Dick Wragg said. "We are very happy with Bobby Robson."

England soccer chiefs believe Robson, whose contract runs until after the 1990 finals, is the best man for the job and should not have to defend himself or excuse the performance of the team, FA sources said.

England play in Group Two in the European World Cup qualifying section with Poland, Albania and Sweden. They meet Sweden in their first match next month.

Stephenson wins race to 100 wickets

LONDON, Aug 23. (Reuters): Nottinghamshire's Franklyn Stephenson yesterday won the race to become the first bowler to take 100 wickets this season.

He trapped Surrey's Keith Medley off leg before with a slow full toss on the second day of the match at Trent Bridge.

Stephenson gave the county champions a fillip after Jack Richards had thrashed a quick-fire 80 off 69 balls. His innings ensured that Surrey claimed a first innings lead of 125 after making 269.

Making

Struggling Notts were still 58 runs behind at the close having lost Chris Broad, Tim Robinson and Paul Johnson in making 67.

At Bristol, leaders Kent were held up by Kassim Ibadulla, son of Pakistani all-rounder Billy Ibadulla, and England's new wicketkeeper Jack Russell. They revived Gloucestershire with 112 for the sixth wicket.

Ibadulla hit 77 as Gloucestershire moved onto 259 for seven in reply to Kent's 301 for five.

England paceman Neil Foster

gave Worcestershire's championship ambitions a jolt by claiming six for 67 at New Road as Essex took a first innings of 112.

Steve Rhodes and Richard Illingworth put on 33 for the eighth wicket as Worcestershire scraped 150 and a lone batting bonus point.

But it was not all gloom for Worcestershire. They retaliated by reducing Essex to 100 for six at the close.

England off-spinner John Emburey rescued Middlesex with the third century of his career, his 102 earning a 62-run first innings lead over Warwickshire at Uxbridge.

Emburey rounded off a fine personal performance by claiming the wickets of Andy Lloyd and Adrian Pierson as Warwickshire limped to 63 for four.

Scores

At Old Trafford: Lancashire 197 in 65.1 overs (I. Austin 64, F. Griffith four for 47), Derbyshire 157 for three in 41 overs (J. Wright 81, P. Bowler 51 not out).

At Bristol: Kent 301 for five declared in 98.1 overs (R. Pienaar 51, G. Cowdrey 50, M. Pooley four for 54), Gloucestershire 259 for seven declared in 75 overs (K. Ibadulla 77, P. Baines 55, P. Romanes 42).

At Uxbridge: Warwickshire 212 in 78.2 overs and 63 for four (A. Lloyd 41), Middlesex 274 in 98.2 overs (J. Emburey 102, W. Slack 44, G. Small five for 74).

At Wellington: Glamorgan 220 in 88.4 overs (G. Holmes 83, P. North 41 not out, A. Walker five for 64) and 87 for four (A. Butcher 40), Northamptonshire 201 for three in 57.5 overs (G. Cook 75, W. Larkins 67).

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 144 in 69.1 overs (M. Bicknell four for 34, M. Feltham four for 43) and 67 for three, Surrey 269 in 70.5 overs (J. Richards 80, A. Stewart 76).

At Worcester: Essex 262 for nine declared in 101.1 overs (D. Pringle 63, P. Newport five for 70) and 100 for six (P. Prichard 43 not out), Worcestershire 150 in 52.4 overs (N. Foster six for 67).

SPORTS BRIEFS

English League

LONDON, Aug 23. (UPI): The prize money in the English Soccer League will double this year from £100,000 (\$170,000) to £200,000 (\$340,000) thanks to a boost from the sponsors.

Woman director

LONDON, Aug 23. (UPI): Vicki Oyston has joined the board of directors of Blackpool Soccer Club, becoming only the third woman director of an English Soccer League club.

Cup stadium

ROME, Aug 23. (UPI): Reconstruction work on the Municipality stadium at Palermo, Sicily, vying to host matches for the 1990 World Soccer Cup, is far behind schedule. With little more than 14 months remaining before the Oct 31, 1989, construction deadline set by FIFA, the Palermo facility is unlikely to even be used for any League matches before early 1989.

Star attraction

BAD ISCHL, Austria, Aug 23. (UPI): Spain's Severiano Ballesteros, the British Open champion, will be the star attraction at the pre-am tournament at the Bad Ischl Golf Club on Aug 29.

Game suspended

VICENZA, Italy, Aug 23. (UPI): Officials suspended Sunday's Italian Cup game between Verona and Vicenza when fights between rival groups of fans escalated two minutes before full time.

British champion

LONDON, Aug 23. (UPI): Johnny Herbert, the 1987 British Formula Three champion who was seriously hurt in a 160 MPH multi-car crash at Brands Hatch on Sunday, may be back in action by November.

Women's marathon

LONDON, Aug 23. (UPI): Paula Fudge yesterday declined an invitation to represent Britain in the women's marathon at the Seoul Olympics. Fudge, 36, was offered a place after her twin sister Ann Ford and British record holder Priscilla Welch had pulled out through injury.

Ivkovic transferred

VIENNA, Aug 23. (UPI): Yugoslav goalkeeper Tomi Ivkovic, who has been playing for Ernst Happel's FC Tirol, has transferred to Vienna Sportclub. "The Panther" as Ivkovic is called was replaced at Tirol by Austrian international keeper Klaus Lindenberger.

Soccer attendance

STOCKHOLM, Aug 23. (UPI): The number of spectators in the Swedish Soccer League has increased for the first time in five years, possibly a reaction to few scoreless draws this season. The first 17 rounds of the First Division has been attracted an average crowd of 5,079 per game against 4,330 in 1987.

Free transfer

MANCHESTER, England, Aug 23. (Reuters): Manchester United's Irish international defender Kevin Moran said yesterday he had agreed to join Spanish First Division club Sporting Gijon on a free transfer.

RESULTS of the Regency Palace Bridge Club game held on Sunday: 1. Rita Cannocini & Adly Tish 2. Dhruba Mukerjee & Stanley Drexler 3. Nahil Aket & M. Abdul Ghani.

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